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THE GREAT GUEST COMES IN.

While the cobbler mused, there passed his pane
A beggar, drenched by the driving rain.
He called him in from the stormy street,
And gave him shoes for his bruised feet.
The beggar went, and there came a crone,
Her face with wrinkles of sorrow sown;
A bundle of fagots bowed her back,
And she was spent with the wrench and rack.
He gave her his loaf and steadied her load
As she took her way on the weary road.
Then to his door came a little child,
Lost and afraid in the world so wild—
In the dark world. Catching it up,
He gave it milk in the waiting cup,
And led it home to mother's arms,
Out of the reach of the world's alarms.

The day went down in the crimson west,
And with it the hope of the Blessed Guest.
And Conrad sighed as the world turned gray:
"Why is it, Lord, that your feet delay?
Did you forget that this was the day?"
Then soft in the silence a voice he heard:
"Lift up your heart, for I kept my word;
Three times I came to your friendly door;
Three times my shadow was on your door;
I was the beggar with the bruised feet;
I was the woman you gave to eat;
I was the child on the homeless street."

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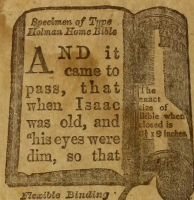
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Not in the wind-hushed ile and gardens Elysian,
Not on the snow-pure peaks, forever untrod,
Not with the timeless stars, is the prophet vision
Of the ultimate dwelling of God.

Lo, a city, a city—behold in its center
Justice enthroned in a light exceeding the sun;
Nothing unclean or that maketh a lie shall enter
The home of the Righteous One.

Only a nation of conquerors ever may win it;
Its streets shall be filled with the shouting of children at play;
The peoples of earth shall gather their treasures within it,
And let it be in the light of its day

Age by age shall toil in the night, disdaining
Peril and pain for hope of its distant gleam;
Life by life shall the laborers pay in attaining
The gray world's desperate dream.

Thus shall we build it—the crown of his ended
creations;
Stone by stone of our hunger and faith and love,
A city of cities, a city of mighty nations,
And God the ruler thereof.

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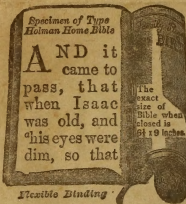
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Life and the Weaver

LIFE is a woven fabric;
The pattern and web is wrought
By the dark threads and the golden
That into the loom are shot.

YOU cannot judge God's purpose
By the thrust of a single thread,
What to you may be dark, mysterious,
May be gloriously bright instead.

FOR He holds in mind a pattern
As fair as His love is strong,
Which grows each day in the weaving;
Not a single thread goes wrong.

NO warp in His hands shall tangle,
No slumber His eyelids close;
We only can thwart His purpose
When our stubborn wills impose.

OUR tangled and broken efforts
To walk in His kind commands
Will give life an added luster,
Restored by His loving hands.

SO trust in the Weaver's wisdom,
In His love and unfailing care,
And the fabric of life, completed,
Some day will be wondrous fair.

—A. W. Dewar

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tions; they are bad schools, and
worthless commodities are palmed
off on the unwary. Go with Dr.
Johnson to "a stately shop."—John
Randolph.

The Meaning of Pentecost

REV. SHERMAN H. OAKES, Rockingham, N. C.

(Continued from June 28th Issue)

VI. The Spirit Given to All:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly (heart and mind) shall flow-rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: For the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." John 7:37-39.

Pentecost was the end of the law and the beginning of grace. The Holy Spirit was not given under the law. A few Prophets, Kings and Judges had the Spirit, but to the justified by the first covenant he was not given.

The reason given on the 'Why the Holy Spirit was not given in the age of the law' was, "because Jesus was not yet glorified". It was necessary for Jesus to make the atonement to take away sin before the grace of the Holy Spirit could be given. The blood of animals could not take away sins the New Testament says. The Salvation under the law was external, but after Christ gave His blood for remission of transgressions that were under the first covenant, Salvation became internal. Christ's Spirit comes into the heart cleansing, regenerating and empowering.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days," saith God, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). This prophecy given thru Joel, reached the end of the age of law when the Spirit would be given to all. "And when the days of Pentecost were fully come" the atonement had been perfected. Christ had ascended the mediatorial throne, offered his own blood, be-

coming High Priest over the household of faith, sin was taken away, Jesus was glorified. Therefore, God sent forth the Spirit of His son into their hearts crying, "My Father." The age of grace began. The church was born.

VII. Gentiles Saved:

The first Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost were Cornelius his household and friends. Cornelius was a devout worshipper of God under the law but did not know the Lord Jesus.

An Angel sent by God told him to send for Peter "who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:14).

Peter came and preached Christ to them, climaxing his sermon by saying, "In His name there shall be remission of sins, and as he spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word" (Acts 10:43-44).

This was their initial experience of grace and was the evidenced fact that God through the atonement of Christ is no respecter of person, race, language, or color.

The Jewish Christians were narrow, thinking Christ's atonement was for them exclusively and after Peter was convinced, he had to explain God's dealings with Cornelius and others who were at his house to the Christians at Jerusalem.

We see what God did for the Jews and Gentiles in Acts 15:8-9), "And God which knoweth the hearts, bare them (Gentiles) witness, giving them (Gentiles) the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us (Jews) and put no difference between us (Jews) and them (Gentiles); purifying their hearts by faith."

Receiving the Holy Spirit and remission of sins is biblically inseparable.

VIII. John's Disciples:

"... Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples. He said unto them, Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were you baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then Paul said, John verily baptized with *The Baptism of Repentance*, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied" (Acts 19:1-6).

John's baptism was unto repentance but the Apostle Peter began preaching Christ's baptism at Pentecost, saying, "be baptised unto remission of sins." Therefore John's disciples had been baptised unto repentance but not unto salvation in Jesus' name.

They were worshippers of God under John's Introductory Ministry but did not know the Lord Jesus and the efficacy of His atonement. Paul baptised them in the name of the Lord Jesus and the Christ came into their hearts with His grace and power. Their hearts were purified (Acts 15:8-9). Their sins were washed away by His blood and they were saved with perfect salvation.

IX. Baptised with the Spirit:

"For by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bound or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

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EDITORIAL

The Annual Stockholders meeting last week was well attended with a large percent of the stock represented. Much interest was shown by the members present when the Business Manager and Auditor's reports were read before the body. These reports showed that the business of the Press is in a fine condition, and that progress is being made each quarter. Favorable comments were made by several of the stockholders present on the successful management of the business and the improvements being made all along in the work of the Press.

Several members expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the business manager having planned to add another Sunday School quarterly to our Sunday School literature beginning with the new year. They were glad the long felt need is now being provided for by the preparation of this new quarterly. This quarterly will be called the Advanced Quarterly for young people above age eighteen and adults, similar as other denomina-

tions are using for the upper senior age groups and older people.

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Rev. S. H. Styron in Hospital

We have been requested to announce thru the columns of the Baptist that Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level, North Carolina, left his home last week for John Hopkin's Hospital for treatment of gland trouble in his neck and throat.

The ministers and all Christian people in the various churches are requested to pray to Almighty God for his recovery. His friends may write cards and letters of sympathy to his family in Pine Level, or to him at the hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Brother Styron has been a great servant of the Lord for several years, and his many close friends will greatly regret to know of his illness.

Just as this issue goes to the press, we have learned by telephone call that Brother Styron has undergone an operation and is getting along very well.

"A Friend of Man"

It is better that we suffer

As we wend our weary way,
Than to never know the meaning
Of a heartache through the day.

It is better that we worry

Just a little o'er our need—
For, without a care or worry
Hearts might lack a kindly deed.

It is better that we hunger

Once or twice, or perhaps thrice,
Than never to know the neighbor
Whose provisions don't suffice.

It is better that we labor

'Neath a burden hard to bear,

Than to never share a burden
Of someone for whom we care.

It is better that we stumble

And repent and start again,
Than to criticize another,
When we know not of his pain.

Yes, it's better that we ponder

As we hold a brother's hand—
Giving of our all to help him
So he'll know we understand.

It is better—oh, much better

That we be a friend to man,
Giving of our love and labor
Helping him when 'er we can.
—Sel. —Norma Brock.

The Great Guide

By William M. Dixon,
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My Mother was my guide
How well do I know her way of
guiding,
As she was my great guide to the
last.
With manlike trust I give my
hand
To the mighty friends by my
side,
And the only thing I can say to
them,
As He takes it is "Hold it fast."
Suffer us not to lose the way,
And lead others above at last.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Invisible Things—"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that



are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1: 20). The infidel and unbeliever cannot justify himself in his unbelief.

Rev. J. C. Griffin. The things that we see testify to the fact that there is a Creator. Then His Book, the Bible, tells man how to be saved from hell. "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have seen. Whatever it be which the great Providence prepares for us, it must be something large and generous, and in the great style of His works."—Emerson. When you see a house you know that there is a carpenter. You see the farm with the crop growing, you know that there is a farmer. No wonder that the Psalmist said, "The fool hath said in his heart that there is no God." Only a fool would believe and utter such words.

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From Above—The New Birth— that which makes us a child of God comes from above. The mineral cannot lift itself from the earth but the wheat and corn reaches down and lifts the mineral, and likewise the animal kingdom reaches down and lifts the vegetable into the animal kingdom. As this is true, it is also true, that man cannot lift himself into the Kingdom of God, but a loving Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, stoops down and lifts man out of sin and death into the family of God. There is no way for man to lift himself out of death. God does the lifting. However, God never lifts man until man is willing to be lifted. God's plan is, "Whosoever will let him come and take of the water to life freely."

Sincere Thanks— I herewith take pleasure in thanking Brother L. L. Moore, of Hyman, South Carolina for his kind remarks regarding "Notes and Quotes." It is such gratitude as this expressed by Brother Moore, that keeps me writing. I get letters sometimes that greatly encourage me. May God bless you Brother Moore and may Notes and Quotes be the means of many finding joy and great blessings in our Lord. Amen.

Stockholders Meeting— It was my good pleasure to attend the Stockholders meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press last Wednesday at Ayden. There I met up with the brethren who are deeply interested in the success of the work. It was a pleasure to sit together with them and to hear the good reports as given by Brothers C. K. Dunn, and R. B. Spencer, Secretary of the Board of Directors and Editor of the Baptist. Well, I will let the Editor tell you about the meeting.

Visited Brother E. T. Phillips— It was a pleasure to visit Brother E. T. Phillips while attending the Stockholders meeting last Wednesday. While he is confined to his bed he was cheerful and talked with much strength and was happy to

have his friends call to see him. May God continue to bless Brother Phillips with the Holy Spirit, which brings cheerfulness, comfort and a pleasing countenance.

Georgia Free Will Baptists

The fields are as white to harvest in Georgia as when the Wesleys came. We have many churches in the country sections; some are good, some are very bad and much run-down, but we do not have many in the towns and cities.

There are many places where churches can be established in the towns and the country if a man can spend a month or more at a place. But we can not do this without means, so our call to you is: If you want more churches in Georgia, send your State Home Mission money to Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Georgia. Then this work can begin.

Two years ago I was elected as State Evangelist. Some wanted me to turn loose my church work, and go out in the field, but I did not think it advisable at that time in the infancy of our State Association. But we have resigned some of the best church work in Georgia to spend our time on the field. Our church year will be out the last of October, and we have meetings already that will last until then, and we have been in revivals since the Third Sunday in March. We have seen scores saved, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us.

We shall be very glad to engage meetings for the winter months in churches because it will be too cold for tent meetings. But we already have a tent meeting planned for April and will want tent meetings for the rest of the summer. If you desire a meeting in your church through the winter months, we will be very glad to hear from you. If you know of a town where a number of Free Will Baptists are, and can plan a tent meeting next summer or spring, I shall be very glad to go and hold the meeting.

We are planning to get a tent in April, and see how many churches

we can put in Georgia by the next associational year. I have heard people say so long that we need more churches in the cities, and we have been feeding other denominations long enough with our people from the country. So I decided to see how much we want them.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Glennville, Georgia

Note:—I shall be glad to hold a meeting outside of the state during the winter months if it is in the church, but when the summer comes we shall confine our work to the state.—K. V. S.

Cedar Grove Revival

Our revival began on August 27, and lasted until September the 3rd. We had the best spiritual revival that we have ever had. There was a large crowd of people each night. We had real good music, and singing and best of all Brother Marshall Joyner held the meeting for us again for the fifth year. He brought fine messages each night. We have been praying for a wonderful revival and the blessed Lord gave it to us.

There were eleven for baptism, and three others took membership with us from other churches. The church was greatly revived. Many who had grown cold were brought back. Saturday was our yearly meeting, and we had a wonderful message delivered by Heber Joyner. He also preached for us on Saturday night. We greatly enjoyed having him with us. Also several visitors were present from other churches. We had some from Piny Grove, and Rose of Sharon Church. We greatly appreciate having all of the visitors with us.

We wish to praise God for His many blessings.

Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.

If there be one thing upon this earth that mankind love and admire better than another, it is a brave man,—it is a man who dares to look the Devil in the face and tell him he is the Devil.—Jas. Garfield.

The Unruly Member

Quite recently this contributor was present in a meeting conducted by young people for young people, and was asked to name some book in the Bible for special study. The General Epistle of James was named and accepted. There is scarcely any portion of the scriptures so very practical. Beginning with rejoicing under the cross and asking patience of God, we are guarded against respect of persons in public worship, against boasting of faith without works, against rashly reproving others, against covetousness, intemperance, pride, and detraction, against uncharitable and vituperative uses of the tongue—all in view of the uncertainty of this life, and our utter dependence on God's providence. With all that the Church and the School and the Home have done and are doing to Christianize and civilize our humanity, it remains strikingly true: "*But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*" Lying was never so very prevalent and prominent today. Speaking evil of one another is all too common and widespread today. False excuses shamefully multiply when it comes to absenting ourselves from the things most needful. Certainly here is the occasion to reproduce a clever modern writer's sane statement about "The Tongue."

"Among the deadly instruments of destruction are guns, canons, submarines, aircraft, and poisonous gases. But greater than any of these as a destructive agency is the human tongue. The latter destroys the soul, contemplate upon the countless millions who have been slain, dispatched and annihilated by the multitudinous instruments of warfare. Yet this number would appear microscopic compared to those who have experienced distress, sorrow, pain, eventually death, through the crimes of the tongues. Eventually death, many timid, sensitive, and loving beings have gone to premature graves, caused by malicious

and insidious attacks upon their reputation of character.

The cries of the tongue are principally words of criticism, unkindness, envy, jealousy, gossip and lying.

Who is free from criticism? Even our friends are guilty of this crime. Possibly they do not mean to be untrue, nevertheless words once uttered can never be recalled. In this age of sensationalism news travels like wildfire. The greatest distributor of criticism is not the prying press, but the human tongue. *Then each informer consciously or unconsciously utilizes his vivid imagination in order to make the scandal more picturesque and impressive, so that erelong the speck of dust has become a mountain.* In view of these facts, would it not be expedient to demand, who then can judge his brother's inward motives? *In the majority of cases the criticism was false, and, if it were true, why not go directly to the offender and counsel him, as explicitly taught by the Holy Scriptures.*

The men, who are the most criticized, are generally the ones who are doing the most for mankind. As one ascends the ladder of success, hundreds are ready to criticize him; and the criticism increases in proportion to the height to which he climbs.

However, the so-called critics always remain little beings. Man is too good an appellation for them. In due time this envy and jealousy with which they nourish their souls will destroy their usefulness in this life and their chance in the life that is to be hereafter. Such attributes as criticism, jealousy and envy cannot be tolerated by the God of Love.

How cruel are the judgments of this world! If a wealthy man donates some large sum of money to a charitable institution, people say, he is an old miser. Thus one is criticized whatever he may do, or whatever his motive may be.

The ninth commandment, "Thou

shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," is broken more frequently than any of the others. Apparently some people today prefer to tell a falsehood than to tell the truth. Indeed, many think it to be intelligent to deceive their fellow men. Their Creator's injunction has become null and void to them. In John 8:44, we read, "When he (Satan) speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it?" And when one criticizes and gossips, is that not frequently telling falsehoods? Only God can read the motives of the heart. What, then is the excuse for harsh criticisms or scandalous gossip?

The tongue, the most deadly of all instruments of sorrow, has caused untold misery. Friends have been separated forever, families broken up never to meet again, reputations killed, characters ruined, and innumerable hearts crushed to the sod, with laughter and hope, and joy gone, and the soul casting a fleeting look at the rapidly setting sun.

Surely it is everyone's desire to bring peace and contentment to relatives, friends, and acquaintances. This can only be accomplished by controlling the tongue. James says, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." Then, let us go to the fountain of love—Jesus Christ. Only through Him can we conquer our great enemy—the tongue."

Rock of Zion Home Coming

The annual home coming day will be observed at Rock of Zion Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, on the first day in October.

All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to be present. There will be an all day service. Dinner will be spread on the ground. Everyone is invited to come and to bring well filled baskets.

Mrs. J. R. Carmody

Why Does Jesus Delay His Coming?

By Elder Colonel Pendleton
38 Hermitage Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

Please let me call your attention to a passage of Scripture found in 2 Peter 3:9, which reads, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

We may sometimes wonder why Jesus seems to delay His coming. Time goes on from day to day, month to month, year to year, from one generation to another. For over nineteen hundred years men and women have been looking for Jesus to come, and we have God's promise that He will come again. Again we ask, Why does Jesus delay His coming? Now let us notice the word "All". How many then does Jesus desire should be saved? The answer is all. But says someone, "This does not mean me, I am too deep in sin, or I am a backslider". But what saith the word of God? Let us turn to Jeremiah 3:14 and read the blessed exhortation to the wanderer, "Turn O backsliding children saith the Lord; for I am married unto you. . . ." And again in verse 22, He invites them to "Return" adding, "And I will heal your backsliding." Then the Lord gives a little prayer, that all should have in their heart. "Behold we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God." The Lord will heal or cleanse us from all our sins. In Jeremiah 3:13, we hear the Spirit saying, "Only acknowledge thine iniquities, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God" As soon as we have forsaken our sin and come confessing then to God, then He will (as the father of the lost boy did) stand with outstretched hands to lift us up out of the mire of sin, no matter how deep in sin we may have fallen, the precious blood of Jesus Christ can, and will cleanse us from all sin, just as Jesus cleansed

the leper who came to Him to be cleansed or healed from that terrible disease. We find that he knelt down before Jesus, and beseeching Him said; "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Jesus immediately put forth His hand and touched him and he was healed.

Now, today, —Jesus bids us come unto Him, when we are troubled, when we are tired of living in sin, when our dearest friends have forsaken us, and we feel that all else has failed, that all others have forsaken us. Then how sweet to hear Jesus saying as recorded in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What a wonderful Saviour, what an inspiring, consoling thought, that we can go to Jesus when our hearts are heavy with the cares and burdens of this life, and know that He will not turn us away. Well, praise our God forever, glory in the highest. Amen. What a mighty God, we serve.

Jesus has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, that is why He came to "earth and lived among men, that He might teach them the way to obtain eternal life. He was willing to die in our stead, that we might live with Him eternally. In Ezekiel 33: 11 we read, "Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." But we must come with an humble spirit, confessing and forsaking all our sins. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

We must keep our eyes upon Jesus, our hearts filled with the love of God; be long-suffering with our fellowmen. We all know the story of Peter, how when the ship was tossed by the waves, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, and they were afraid. Jesus spoke unto them saying, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." Peter said, "Lord if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. Jesus said, "Come."

But while Peter was walking on the water the wind became boisterous and the waves were tossed. Peter was afraid and began to sink, then he cried, "Lord, save me," and immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him and brought him up out of the water, and saved him.

And so it is with us, as long as we keep our eyes upon Jesus and trust Him, we feel secure, but if we let the desires of life, the lust of the world cause us to take our eyes off Jesus, it is then that we begin to sink, but as in the case of Peter, Jesus stands with outstretched hands to lift us up and save us from our sins, that we may not perish, but have everlasting life. Let us make this year one of the best years of our life. Let us go forth with renewed courage, with greater desires in our heart for doing good, with a fuller determination to seek for lost souls and lead them to Jesus who will save and keep them eternally. Beloved, let us give not only of our time in His service, but also bring into the storehouse of God, our tithes and offerings as well, let us give as He has prospered us, that more ministers may go forth with untied hands and be free from all earthly care (Or as the apostles said in Acts 6:2-4). Let us not leave the word of God, and serve tables, but give ourselves to the word of God and prayer. Thus our faithful ministers can preach the Gospel, and warn the people as Noah did, to flee from the wrath to come, and prepare for the soon coming of Jesus, when working time will be over. My prayer to God is, may we each one be faithful to the task God has entrusted to us in this world, teach "All" men every where to "prepare to meet . . . God." And thus while working may we be praying, "Even so, come Lord Jesus." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

The voice of a people accustomed to the enjoyment of freedom may be silenced, but the real sentiment will discover itself in other language than words.—John Q. Adams.

Working for the Baptist

We are very glad to learn that the Ladies Aid society of Daniels Chapel is working hard to secure all the subscriptions for the Baptist paper possible. Here is a clipping from one of the Aid members: "About two months ago, I was the only member of the Aid who took the Baptist, and at every aid meeting I would show, and tell the rest of the members about the good articles in the paper. As a result, there are three more subscribers added to the list. I want to say just here that I don't see how I could get along without the Baptist. Please send to me one of your receipt books so that I may use it to enter new subscriptions. . . ."—

Mrs. Jonathan Tomlinson.

In God We Trust

By Lovick P. Law, M. M.

This country has been declared a Christian Nation. True, it is provided that there is to be a separation between Church and State, and to that the great majority of our countrymen subscribe most heartily, believing this provision to be the part of wisdom.

Nevertheless this is a Christian Nation.

On our coinage is inscribed, *In God We Trust*.

The landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on the New England coast long ago was because they desired to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. No one has a right to gainsay that right in America to this day. Every person has the privilege to form his own opinion about God and his relationship to Him.

But our Constitution presupposes that we shall worship God in some way. That leaves no room in this country for Atheism, Bolshevism, or Communism. That is true, even though some would want to dispute it.

Bolshevism would tear down our flag and destroy Christianity if it

could. Witness, Russia and its "society of the Godless" and other organizations of like nature. That, it seems to me, puts it without the pale of the protection of the flag of the United States, for this country recognizes God and understands that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." Bolshevism has no place in America. It is an outlaw and should be dealt with as one would deal with an outlaw.

Communism is in the same class, and has no place in the economy of American Government. It should be treated as an enemy would be treated. If it could have its way it would tear every flag from our capitals, it would destroy the home life of the American people, it would burn every church in this country, it would destroy the faith, if it could, of those thousands of our boys and girls and our fathers and mothers who have found in Christianity comfort and assurance in the hour of trouble, disaster and death. **Yet this country tolerates Bolshevism, Communism, Atheism, and allows them the right to "free speech."**

I am wondering if that is not too much freedom and if in the years to come we shall not as a people, collectively and individually, suffer for our liberality.

Our educational institutions are being corrupted by organized atheistic societies that are attempting the destruction of the faith of our youth. Communism hold sway on street corners, teaching its doctrines to destroy and corrupt the people of our country and tear down all respect for law and order as understood by our Government.

Isn't it about time this land of ours was waking up from its slumber to recognize the fact that here in our midst we are allowing a viper more poisonous than any deadly reptile existing today to develop itself until the time when it will rise up to destroy?

Let our beloved country hold to the traditions that have made it great, and put down with an iron hand those who would turn against

our Government whose protecting arms have ever been wide open to suffering humanity fleeing from the tyrant's oppression.

There should be no room in this nation for those who would rip our flag to pieces or seek, in any manner, to destroy orderly Government and substitute therefore some pernicious alien "ism."

Let our country continue to place upon her coinage and mean it. *In God We Trust*.—Selected.

Contentment in Christ

*By Rev. Harold French,
Sanitorium, N. C.*

"For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11). The other day when I visited a patient in the surgical ward and noticed her happy countenance, and optimistic mood, and being informed that she had been there for four years, and in a cast for the last two years, I could not help from thinking of these words of Paul which he wrote when he was in prison.

Her vision was limited to what could be seen from one window. She said, "I cannot see much of the place, but what I see is beautiful." Life is more beautiful to the consecrated Christian who can see God in nature, regardless of limitation, than it is to those out of Christ with the privileges of seeing the whole world.

When I looked at one of God's children with an expression so illuminated with his glory, and happiness, I could not help considering more than ever that God still comforts under all circumstances. He has promised to go with us through the valley and shadow of death. It is consoling to know that he is with us wherever we may be, and in all circumstances.

When I first came here for treatment, though everyone was very kind, it seemed as I was even out of the presence of God. But I soon read an article, referring me to Psalms 34:7, and I at once realized

God's presence. I am passing this on through our paper, hoping that it will help some shut-ins to look to Christ for comfort.

I am improving very satisfactory and am thankful of the privilege of doing a small amount of work for the Master. I shall appreciate the prayers of all Christians.

A Call to Home Mission Workers

We want every church in all our connections to put forth a special effort this fall in raising money for our National Home Mission work. The need is urgent. The calls are Challenging. We should have had several full time workers on the field before now, and would have if our leaders had gotten behind this most needed cause as they should have. May I ask that all our ministers call for a special Home Mission Offering from each church that you pastor during the month of October. By this I am sure that we can send out at least one full time worker on the field.

I would also like to offer this suggestion. Since we will need a tent and folding chairs in carrying on this work, we will need about five hundred folding chairs, and they could be donated in this way. Each individual that will send a dollar, for this fund, we will have printed on the back of the chair—donated by—with your name, so that wherever that chair is carried the people will know that you have a part in that meeting. Greater than that, every person saved while sitting in that chair, you will have a part in bringing them to Christ. If a church, Ladies Aid, Sunday School Class or League would like to donate more than one chair we will have your group printed on all that you donate. Please let me hear from you and if you have any better plans I would appreciate you suggesting them to me. Yours for a greater church.

M. L. Hollis

Notice Concerning the Tennessee F. W. B. Orphanage

Inasmuch as the State Association, at my suggestion, made the Superintendent of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, treasurer also, I hereby give notice to the general public that all funds sent in from now on should be sent direct to the Superintendent I. L. Stanley. Mr. Stanley's address is Greenville, Tennessee, R. F. D., Number 9.

As former treasurer of the Orphanage I am in position to know that they are badly in need of some immediate funds. Even though it may be small, let me urge that you send it in now. This does not apply to the Tennessee folks only but to the entire denomination and others as well. Let's everybody help just a little bit and that will be a big help. Again let me urge your immediate support and continued co-operation in the orphanage program.

Thanks, Your former treasurer,
H. D. Bailey, Chuckey, Tenn.

Fine Revival at Reedy Branch Church

Revival services at Reedy Branch closed last Sunday, September 3rd. There was a general revival among the church members that reached the community at large. There were many souls saved during the revival and several reconsecrations. The church received twenty-two candidates for baptism and church membership.

The church first planned to have the baptismal services on the day the revival ended, but in the last service it was put off. The pastor requested the church to wait until he had finished the revivals in two of his other churches, Piny Grove and Kings Cross Roads, which will be held this month. Piny Grove will start its revival with the regular yearly meeting on Saturday September tenth. The revival will contin-

ue through the next week. Kings Cross Roads will start its revival with the regular yearly meeting on Saturday September 17th, and will continue through the next week. The public is invited to attend each service in both churches.

The baptismal service for the three above churches will be conducted by the pastor, Chester Pelt, at Owens Pond near Fountain, N. C. at three thirty o'clock Sunday September 24.

In His Name,
Rev. Chester Pelt

Program

The following is the program of the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention to be held with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, October 5, 1939.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions led by Miss Alice Webster
- 10:15—Remarks by the president
- 10:20—Registration
- 10:40—Business period
- 11:00—Special music
- 11:10—Congregational singing
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. Marshall Joyner
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Program rendered by the local society
 - 1:20—Stewardship Contest
 - 2:00—Report of directors
 - 2:15—Theme: "How Christian Stewardship Should Help the Church," by Mrs. W. H. Harrison
 - 2:40—Theme: "Stewardship Commission," by Mrs. D. H. Furlough
 - 3:00—Theme: "Stewardship Tithing," by Mrs. E. C. Morris
 - 3:20—Adjournment
- Mrs. Richard Mariner, Pres.,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

In charity to all mankind, bearing no ill-will to any human being—
John Q. Adams.

Meaning of Pentecost

(Continued from page three)

All saved folk are one body regardless of race, color, denomination or language.

The justified constitute the household of God and Christ is the High Priest. The Spirit of Christ coming into the heart makes us a member of Christ's body or the Church of God. The invisible bride of Christ.

The baptism of water is the symbol of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Therefore, in order to understand what the spiritual baptism does, you must see what the baptism with water symbolizes.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into His death? Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in *Newness of Life*. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5).

Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected. Therefore, baptism symbolizes death, burial, and resurrection. The old man dies, is buried in the blood of Christ and is resurrected to newness of life. Therefore, the believing ones are justified (freed) from sin. They are sanctified or set apart as the bride of Christ. Their sins are washed away and a newness or new life begins. They are born again and empowered.

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Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
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61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

Friendship Aid Report

The Ladies Aid Society of Friendship Church held its regular meeting on Saturday night, August 13, 1939, at the home of Mrs. D. E. Wilder with twenty members present, and eight members absent. Five visitors were present.

A very interesting program was rendered, after which we entered into the business session. The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: 278 chapters read in the Bible; 20 trays sent to the sick; 63 sick visits made; 28 flowers given; 48 quarts of milk given away; 3 pounds of butter given to the needy; convalescent cards sent five.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Vester Wilder. After the meeting adjourned, the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Wilber Lewis, *Cor.-Secy.*

St. Paul's Missionary Society

By Ruth Warren

The women of Saint Paul community felt a need of a source that would help the church financially as well as spiritually. This was discussed and we decided that a missionary society would be more beneficial than anything we knew of.

On the first Saturday in August, 1925, we met at Mrs. Marshall Warren's home to organize this society. There were thirteen charter members. In this meeting it was decided to meet in the different homes of the community each Saturday afternoon before the First Sunday. It was voted that each member pay a fee of ten cents each month. Other plans were also made.

In 1927 we had enjoyed our society so much that we wanted to en-

tain our families, so it was decided to have a chicken fry annually. This has proven to be an annual occasion which is looked forward to with great anticipation.

From August, 1925 to August, 1927 our enrollment grew from 13 to 36, and we had an average attendance of 14. In our organization we have a short religious program each month. This is enjoyed by the members and also uplifting to the community. The society is the backbone of our church, it being the only financial source for the equipment of the church. In the past up to 1938 we have purchased a number of things, and the following are some of them: Set of furniture, table and chairs; piano; lamp and shades; window; have had the piano tuned several times; many window panes put in; each year have paid \$5 for the revival; materials for covering the church; bought Heat-trola and fuel supplies several times; class room curtains, hymn books and pulpit runners; have paid two hundred dollars for repairing the church; and have helped the Orphanage at different times.

We have showered the new brides in our society, furnished flowers for the sick, and pounded the preacher several times. December 4, 1937 is looked upon as one of the greatest meetings in the history of our society. A program was rendered on the "Birth of our Saviour." This was followed by a social hour with a Christmas tree loaded with many beautiful gifts. We enjoyed having at this meeting two officers of our church; namely, Mrs. C. H. Bass and Rev. M. A. Warrick.

We have been very fortunate by not having but one death in the history of our society, Mrs. Hepsia Bass, a very faithful member. It was with regrets that we had to lose her.

We now have on roll 34 members with an average attendance of 17 for the year of 1938. We can highly recommend a missionary society to any church which does not have one.

Mrs. Jane Warren, *President*,
Mrs. Mary Warren, *Secretary*

Buncombe Association News

The Buncombe Association Free Will Baptists met August nineteenth and twentieth at the Canton Church. Four churches were represented, and all business was transacted in a good way, and all present enjoyed the services.

A special collection of \$6 was taken for the Orphanage. The association also made a resolution that all churches should send a monthly offering to the Orphanage. Eleven ministers were present. We received \$28.40 for the minute fund. The Canton Church showed the very best of hospitality in serving two delicious picnic dinners, and a water-melon slicing.

Mrs. Hobart Ballard

Second Central Report of Central Conference

The Second Union of the Central Conference met with the Greenville Church before the fifth Sunday in July, 1939. The devotions were led by Elder R. H. Mason, and prayer by Elder C. J. Harris. After a few well placed remarks for the good of the union, the moderator, R. P. Harris, called for the transacting of the matters at hand. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All visitors were made welcome. Although the weather was very bad, we had nine preachers present, and we had twenty-three churches represented, all but four representing.

We had several good talks, especially by R. B. Spencer on: What Can We Do to Improve the Baptist Paper? Another by Elder W. B. Nobles on the subject: The Evils Confronting the Church Today. Brother D. A. Windham spoke concerning the correct way to read the Bible. Special music was rendered by the Greenville Male Quartet.

Twenty-three churches represented sending funds as follows: For the union \$67.10; for retired ministers, \$16.50; a public collection of

\$13.79; making a total of 97.39. The funds were appropriated as follows: To the clerk, \$5; W. T. Pollard, \$9.50; missions, \$3.25; Needy Ministers Fund, \$16.50; to the Orphanage, \$17.78, making a total paid out \$95.39. The balance in the treasury is \$2.00.

There was a rising vote of thanks extended to the Greenville Church for their kind hospitality, and for the fine dinner served to all present. The next union will go to Rose of Sharon Church in Martin County. Elder D. A. Windham is to preach the introductory sermon, and D. W. Alexander on his failure. Then the union adjourned with a motion to meet on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1939.

R. P. Harris, *Moderator*,

E. C. Hines, *Clerk*

Second Union Report of Western Association

The Second Union of the Western Association met with Rock Spring Church on Saturday, July 28, 1939. After the usual devotional exercises, the various committees were appointed; namely, Devotions, Sunday School, Temperance, Orphanage, Finance and Appropriation.

The list of ministers present was J. B. Ferrell, G. W. Ferrell, R. B. Carroll, J. F. Parrish. Then the minutes of the last union were read and approved. A motion was made to invite Rev. G. H. Jernigan to a seat with us. At this time we called off for preaching, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. B. Ferrell.

In the afternoon the moderator called the union to order, and at this time the churches represented with delegates, and a contribution in the amount of \$16. The next was the reports of the committees which were accepted by the union. The contribution which was received from the churches was divided between the disabled ministers and the Orphanage. At this time the petitions for the next union were called for and by a vote the next union will go to Stony Hill Church, two

miles east of Middlesex, North Carolina, in Nash County. Rev. J. W. Jernigan will preach at the eleven o'clock hour. The meeting will convene promptly at ten o'clock.

A vote of thanks was extended to Rock Spring Church and community for their kindness shown to this union meeting. Then the union closed with praise and prayer.

Rev. J. B. Parrish, *Moderator*,

Rev. J. F. Ferrell, *Clerk*

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary for Fall

Date	Church	County
Mon., Sept. 11	LaGrange	Lenoir
Tues., Sept. 12	Walnut Creek	Wayne
Wed., Sept. 13	Dailoy's Chapel	Lenoir
Thurs., Sept. 14	Goldsboro	Wayne
Fri., Sept. 15	Stony Creek	Wayne
Sat., Sept. 16	Antioch	Wayne
Sun., Sept. 17	Pleasant Grove	Wayne
Mon., Sept. 18	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson
Tues., Sept. 19	Owen's Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Sept. 20	Saratoga	Wilson
Thurs., Sept. 21	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Fri., Sept. 22	Spring Branch	Greene
Sat., Sept. 23	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Sun., Sept. 24	Otter's Creek	Edgecombe
Mon., Sept. 25	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Tues., Sept. 26	Dildy's Grove	Pitt
Wed., Sept. 27	King's Cross Roads	Pitt
Thurs., Sept. 28	Marlboro	Pitt
Fri., Sept. 29	Friendship	Greene
Sat., Sept. 30	Free Union	Greene
Sun., Oct. 1	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Mon., Oct. 2	Hull Road	Greene
Tues., Oct. 3	Grimsley	Greene
Wed., Oct. 4	Saint's Delight	Greene
Thurs., Oct. 5	Little Creek	Greene
Fri., Oct. 6	Hugo	Lenoir
Sat., Oct. 7	Elm Grove	Pitt
Sun., Oct. 8	Bethany	Pitt
Mon., Oct. 9	Reedy Branch	Pitt
Tues., Oct. 10	Winterville	Pitt
Wed., Oct. 11	Ayden	Pitt
Thurs., Oct. 12	Piney Grove	Pitt
Fri., Oct. 13	Greenville	Pitt
Sat., Oct. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Sun., Oct. 15	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Mon., Oct. 16	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Oct. 17	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Wed., Oct. 18	Black Jack	Pitt
Thurs., Oct. 19	Rose Hill	Pitt
Fri., Oct. 20	Juniper Chapel	Craven
Sat., Oct. 21	Oak Grove	Craven
Sun., Oct. 22	Pleasant Hill	Craven
Mon., Oct. 23	Palmetto Chapel	Craven
Tues., Oct. 24	Macedonia	Craven
Wed., Oct. 25	Antioch	Craven
Thurs., Oct. 26	Friendship	Jones
Fri., Oct. 27	Core Creek	Craven
Sat., Oct. 28	Wintgreen	Craven
Sun., Oct. 29	Moseley's Creek	Craven

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**Isaiah: Foretelling the
 Birth of the Messianic
 King**

(Lesson for September 24)

Lesson: Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-5;

Golden Text Illuminated: *"His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the prince of Peace"* (Isaiah 9:6).

It has been suggested that there are four elements of the compound Name — (1) Wonderful-Counsellor; (2) God—The Mighty One; (3) Father of Eternity; (4) Prince of Peace. Each element of the Name has a special significance. The first embodies the thought of the wisdom of the future Messiah (Exodus 15:11; Psalm 77:11; 78:11; Isaiah 28:29; 29:14). Wonderful in His Birth, in His Boyhood, in His Manhood, in His Ministry, in His Cross and in His Conquest, was our Wonderful Redeemer. It is significant to notice that the word used for God is not Elohim, which is sometimes used in a lower sense for those who represent God. It is the word *El*, which is never used by Isaiah, or any other writer, in any lower sense than that of absolute Deity (Deuteronomy 10:17; Jericho 32:18; Nehemiah 9:32; Psalm 24:8). What argument can be brought in face of such a clear statement regarding the Godhead of the Son? "The Everlasting Father", or "The Father of Eternity" (Young's Literary Translations), Father of the Ages to come. The Fatherhood of God is only made known in Jesus Christ the Son, and only experienced when by faith we are brought into the circle of His compassionate love in Christ. "The Prince of Peace". Peace shall one day prevail over all

the earth, when He shall reign, whose right it is to reign.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

Isaiah is well called the "Messianic" prophet, as is borne out by the present lesson. It gives to us an outline of the coming, career and conquest of the Messiah. We note briefly:

1. *The King's Ancestry* (chapter 7:14). This is the great Old Testament passage that speaks most clearly of the supernatural birth of the Messiah; for it declares that He is to be born of a virgin. There are intimations of it elsewhere, as in the statement God made to Adam and Eve concerning the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15); in the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, saying, "The Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, a woman shall compass a man" (Jeremiah 31:22); but no such clear statement of it as is found in these words. Christ was to come in a perfectly natural birth as an ordinary human

being, and yet it was to be a supernatural birth because He was to be born of a virgin.

It is in connection with the Virgin Birth that His name is given as Immanuel. That is of significance. The name is commonly said to mean "God with us". But its full meaning actually "God in our midst." The coming of Jesus Christ by the Virgin Birth was nothing less than the coming of God in the flesh. As such it is considered by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. Some have argued that Paul says nothing about the Virgin Birth in his writings, but that is not true. He does not use the exact words, but what he says cannot honestly be construed to have any other meaning. To the Galatians he wrote, "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law" (Galatians 4:4). He makes no reference to a man, but only speaks of the woman. And to Timothy he says even

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more clearly: "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory" (1 Timothy 3:16). Thus the supernatural birth of Christ is predicted in the Old Testament and confirmed in the New.

2. *The King's Character* (chapter 9:1-7). Here we have a description of the character of the Messiah. This is given partly in a description of his ministry and its effect upon the nation, and partly in the names that belong to Him.

Some of the prophecies were fulfilled when Christ came into this world and took upon Himself a human form. Others await His return and triumphant reign. There is the promise of *light* to expel the darkness of those living in darkness and the shadow of death (chapter 9:2); of *joy* unto the joy of harvest and the victors in the fight (chapter 9:3); of *peace* under the government of the Prince of Peace (chapter 9:6); of *justice*, we may often be unjustly treated by man, but we can be sure of justice when Christ returns and takes the government upon His shoulder (chapter 9:7; 11:3-5). Christ alone is the hope of men and nations both in the present and in the future for He alone can give those things for which we look in vain to man.

3. *The King's Reign* (chapter 11:1-5). Here the human ancestry of the Messiah is first pointed out (chapter 11:1). He is to descend from the house of Jesse, who was the father of great King David. No man dared claim Messiahship unless he was descended from this illustrious king. But again the Divine equipment is also brought into view. He is to be endued with the sevenfold Spirit of God (chapter 11:2). See Revelation 1:4. (1) *The Spirit of the Lord*; (2) *The Spirit of wisdom*; (3) *The Spirit of understanding*; (4) *The Spirit of Counsel*; (5) *The Spirit of might*; (6) *The Spirit of Knowledge*; (7) *The Spirit of the fear of the Lord*. It is a complete

equipment as is indicated by the number seven and the references (in the Book of Revelation) to the "seven Spirits of God". On this account He will be able to administer righteous judgment, for He will not have to depend upon the testimony of any man in order to know the truth in any given case (vs. 3). The meek and the poor who have always suffered oppression shall then receive justice. Clearly this is a picture of Christ's government during the Millennium. No government set up by man has ever given perfect justice to all its subjects.

The reign of Christ during the Millennium will not only affect man, but also the brute creation. We cannot spiritualize this picture from the animal world, for we cannot think of a spiritual lion eating spiritual straw like a spiritual ox (vs. 7).—J. C. T.

SOUND ADVICE

Be fit for more things than you are now doing—There are some things I am afraid of . . . I am afraid to do a mean thing—It may be well to smile in the face of danger; but it is neither well nor wise to let danger approach unchallenged and unannounced—The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions—Victory is worth nothing except for the fruits that are under it, in it, and above it—It is as much the duty of all good men to protect and to defend the reputation of worthy public servants as to detect public rascals—A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck—If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.—*Jas. Garfield.*

Pray for clearness of intellectual vision to see the right path, for the courage to pursue it, and for fortitude and temperance to bear its fortunes, whether adverse or propitious.—*John Q. Adams.*

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern, North Carolina has lost one of its oldest and highest esteemed members, in the passing of Brother J. G. Brinson, on May 8th, 1939, and whereas his long years of faithful service and Christian influence is worthy of our deepest gratitude and emulation, Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we bow humbly to the Lord's will, thanking Him for the years of fellowship and association with our brother and that we strive to fashion our lives in accord with his high ideals and aspirations in our Christian career;

Second, That our tenderest solicitations be extended to his sorrowing widow, commending her to the keeping of the Great Comforter, who speaks Peace to the troubled soul.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication, a copy to the bereaved widow and a copy be placed upon our church minutes.

U. W. Daugherty,
Alice E. Lupton, Com.

OLIVER. On the night of June 8, 1939, the death angel visited home and took from our midst our beloved husband and father, Rev. J. H. Oliver. His consecrated Christian life was spent in serving the Lord. It can be truthfully said of him, "He went about doing good."

All was done for him that good doctors and nurses, and loved ones could do, but God saw fit to take him home to be with Him.

Devoted husband thou hast left us,

And our loss we deeply feel;

Yet again we hope to meet thee

In that Home beyond the grave.

Written by his loving companion,

Mrs. J. H. Oliver

Third Union Report

The Third District union of the Eastern North Carolina Association met with North East Church in Wayne County on Saturday, July 29, at ten o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by the congregation. Then the moderator called the union to order and the

organization was perfected by the appointment of the usual committees. Prayer was offered for the success of the union by W. B. Grady.

There were ten ministers present. It was ordered that the name of Miss Lucy Wells be excommunicated from the list of ministers of this union for the departing from the faith.

N. L. Tadlock, Joel Kennedy and Ned Williams were elected to represent the union in the State Association with five dollars contribution. The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Elder R. C. Kennedy, after which the union called off for dinner.

In the afternoon session the visitors were invited to seats with us. Elders D. W. Hansley and W. A. Hales of the Western Association were present, and on the request of Brother W. A. Hales it was ordered that his name be entered on the list of ministers of this union.

There were twenty-one churches represented with a total donation of \$56.80. The union gave \$15 to the Orphanage; \$15 to Folkstone church; \$5 to Snead's Ferry church; and \$2 to Elder L. J. Potter for home mission work. It was ordered that the next union be held with Woodington church in Lenoir County. Elder W. A. Hales was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Lloyd Vernon on his failure.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kindness to us during the sitting of this union. Then we adjourned till the next time in course.

S. W. Jones Clerk

District Union League Convention

Sunday, October 1, 1939

2:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Stony Creek F. W. B. Church

While many nations of the world are mobilizing their youth for war, the Free Will Baptist youth of six counties will assemble at the Stony Creek Free Will Baptist Church

near Pikeville to hold their quarterly District League Convention. The theme for the Convention is "Rediscovering Jesus Christ" and it is the prayer of the convention that the nations of the world may "Rediscover Jesus Christ" before they sacrifice the blood of their youth in what may be the most destructive war the world has ever been engaged in.

The convention will be presided over by Raymond T. Sasser of Lulucama who will conclude two years of service as president of this convention. Other officers are: Miss Olivia Ferguson, Goldsboro, vice president; Miss Lois Sellers, Micro, secretary; John Linton, Newton Grove, corresponding secretary; Billy Wellons, Micro, treasurer; Iviey Batten, Selma field secretary; and Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, Chorister. During the business session new officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The devotions will be presented by the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Leagues. They will show Christ can be rediscovered in the Bible, in ourselves, in our homes, in the Church, through prayer, through service and thru the Free Will Baptist League. Special music will be rendered by the Smithfield Leagues.

An Impromptu Speech Contest will be conducted by Miss Olivia Ferguson. In this contest each Senior league will be represented by one speaker who will discuss a given topic before the convention. The winner will be chosen according to presentation of topic, pronunciation and poise.

Four pennants will be awarded to the four leagues who rank highest according to the seven point system and their contributions to foreign missions, home missions, the orphanage and the National Secretary.

A unique plan for assisting weak leagues will be worked out at the convention whereby an active league will help an inactive one.

At the close of the convention the host league will present a play.

The convention will convene Sunday, October 1, 1939 from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. Visitors are cordially in-

vited to attend. To reach the Stony Creek Church turn East at the Green Top Filling Station on highway route No. 117, between Pikeville and Goldsboro near Belfast. The Stony Creek Church is located about two miles from the highway.

Need of Mission Zeal in Georgia

In view of the need of a more wide and definite missionary program among the Georgia F. W. Baptists, as secretary of the Georgia State Association and Home Mission Board I am asking prayerfully that our pastors and churches make the month of October a mission month and take free will offerings for home missions to be used here in Georgia and send some to the secretary of the mission board, which is the writer.

The mission board was set up of volunteer contributors at our first session at Alabaha Church near Blackshear in 1937, and a volunteer unit made contributions monthly as often as they could until now. It is true that this method has not been in a large measure, but we have managed to realize our first \$100 and by the time all pledges are paid we will be over and beyond this. Then, if our pastors will co-operate and raise a free will offering during the month of October this will benefit materially and swell our mission treasury to where our mission board can get a fair mission program begun.

Who will be the pastor anywhere in Georgia to co-operate? I am aware that many are standing idly by and watching to see just what will be done, but while so many are standing idly by we who are awake to the need of missions should rally to the need and go forward with a mission program well seasoned with prayer, and never doubting faith in God and plenty of work filled in.

Too, our Georgia State Association will meet with Corinth Church in Seminole Co., near Iron City on November 14, 15, 16, 1939. All as-

sociations and union meetings are eligible to represent, which reside in Georgia. An association is entitled to one delegate to every 500 members or fraction thereof, and each union meeting one delegate for every 1000 members or fraction thereof. Too, each association is required to pay one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of one cent per capita, and the union meeting one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of one cent per capita in the treasury of the state association when the state association meets. For example, the association has 1750 members, then the association has a right to send four delegates, and union meeting two delegates. The fee will be for the associations, \$8.75, and for the union meeting \$4.37. Note: all delegates must be from the laity of the church.

In Georgia we have the Chatahoochee, The South Georgia, The Little River, The Georgia Union, The Martin, The Midway, The Ogeechee, and the Benjamin Randall. While all are not members, and at the last session only the Martin, The Midway, and the South Ga. represented. Yet, it is prayerfully hoped that we will have other associations to represent this fall. The State Woman's Auxiliary convention will meet in conjunction with it and will have Wednesday, November 15, for their day.

May we prayerfully hope that all churches will send in a free will offering soon. Don't forget October. Let us make it a home mission month.

Thomas B. Mellette

Not the Great Speckled Bird

By Sherman H. Oakes

What a beautiful thought I am thinking,
Not concerning the Great Speckled bird.

I know that her name is recorded,
On the pages of God's Holy Word.

God spoke of rebellious Israel,

And she was despised by the squad.

So the Great Speckled Bird of the Bible,
Represented Rebellion to God.

The children of God are not speckled,
They are all washed whiter than snow;
Jesus shed precious blood on Calvary,
That to heaven believers would go.

We are spreading our wings for a journey,
That we are going to take by and by.
When the trumpet shall sound in the morning,
We will rise and go up in the sky.

In the presence of all our despair,
With a song never uttered before;
We will rise and be gone in a moment,
'Till the great Tribulation is over.

Oh! I'm glad I have learned of his meekness,
I am glad that my name's on His book;
For I want to be one never fearing,
And on the face of my Saviour to look.

When He cometh descending from Heaven,
On the clouds as he writes in His word;
By power I'll be raised up to meet him,
Not on the wings of the Great Speckled Bird."

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SE-lah.

Ps. 12:2; 31:6,18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord;
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent
[come before] thee.

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Break, Break, Break

BREAK, break, break,
On thy cold, gray stones, O sea!
And I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me.

OH, well for the fisherman's boy
That he shouts with his sister at play!
Oh, well for the sailor lad
That he sings in his boat on the bay!

AND the stately ships go on
To the haven under the hill;
But, oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!

BREAK, break, break,
At the foot of thy crags, O sea!
But the tender grace of a day that is dead
Will never come back to me.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

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for, you always dearly, be the price
waht it may. Do not attend auc-
tions; they are bad schools, and
worthless commodities are palmed
off on the unwary. Go with Dr.
Johnson to "a stately shop."—John
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This session of the North Carolina State Association was one of the best in its history. Special music was rendered of several sacred numbers both days by some of the best trained people in our church in the state. The packed house each day enjoyed these sacred numbers immensely.

In the place of the Introductory Sermon which was to have been delivered by Rev. Henry Melvin of Durham, Rev. Thomas H. Willey, our missionary to Panama, was present, and, by the request of Brother Melvin, Brother Willey spoke about his work in Panama. The entire audience was moved with his stirring account of his work among the native Indians of that country. Brother Willey moved his hearers to greater desires for the mission work for our church. He pointed out many obstacles encountered in the mission field, but he referred to Paul as one who was the greatest missionary who ever lived, and one who bore his hardships with great courage, ever being faithful to the Lord at all times.

Rev. M. E. Tyson made an impressive talk on Home Missions. He stressed the need of all of the churches doing more during the coming year for home missions. Also he urged the ministers to work with their churches to bring about a stronger desire for giving to home missions. Rev. J. R. Davidson, of Bryan, Texas, made a strong appeal for the Education Program, showing that a fine start had been made and that the National Education Board had already investigated different sites in three different states as a possible location for a National School. He stressed the need of the people to come together on a definite decision, and to stand behind the Board in its endeavors to start a school as early as deemed wise. He stated that no definite steps had

been made by the Board to purchase a site for the school yet.

The president of the association, Rev. M. E. Tyson, in his message to the assemblage, made a strong appeal for four outstanding phases of the work; namely, (1) Consecration of the lives of all church leaders to the great cause of the kingdom; (2) concentration of effort—all putting the best brains behind the church program; (3) co-operation among the ministers and church laity to effect worthwhile goals; and (4) conservation of spiritual powers of the church and ministerial labors. These four major thoughts of his message were effectively pressed upon the minds of the entire audience, and they were heartily accepted with the spirit "Go ye" into God's vineyard, and do great things for the coming year. In heart and mind, the congregation was moved with his great challenge to achieve greater things for the Master's cause.

The Foreign Mission report by Rev. W. L. Moretz was heard with gladness when the report showed a fine increase of money raised for the year closing over the previous year. A lively discussion was entered into on the idea of organizing an Annual Sunday School convention. The enthusiasm was great, and plans were effected to have next year all Sunday Schools to send delegates to this convention which was agreed to meet in conjunction with the State Association; that is to say, giving the Sunday School convention the first day, Tuesday, and the State Association using Wednesday and Thursday as usual. Necessary officers were named to effect this Sunday School convention, or to get it to functioning by the sitting of the next association.

A striking thing occurred in the afternoon of the second day when Rev. M. E. Tyson made known to

the body that Rev. Clarence Bowen had a strong desire to enter college this fall to better equip himself for greater service in our church. Several made short talks which were favorable to Clarence and his great work with the leaguers of the State. Then quite a number of people in the audience gave some cash, and made pledges to help Clarence with his financial expenses while in college. In addition to this lively interest in Clarence, the association pledged to stand by Clarence if additional help should be necessary to keep him in school until he graduates.

With happy results of two fine days of splendid business transactions, this the twenty-seventh session closed in a good way. It was well attended with delegates and ministers from the various churches in the State. It was well cared for by the Little Creek Church, community and friends from other nearby churches who entered into the occasion with much interest and the spirit of worship.

Announcement

Due to some changes in my fourth Sunday work for next year, I have moved from Greenville to Winterville, North Carolina. Anyone wishing to contact me by letter may send it to me addressed to Winterville, North Carolina.

My work for next associational year will be as follows: first Sunday, Reedy Branch; second Sunday, Piny Grove; third Sunday, Kings Cross Roads, and fourth Sunday, Marlboro. You have a cordial invitation to be with us at each of the above appointments.

In His service,
Rev. Chester Pelt

EDITORIAL

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19). The psalmist was acquainted with sorrows and he knew that the children of God suffer afflictions at the hands of the forces

of evil. The world today is undergoing great afflictions in many places. Avarice and greed on the part of ambitious rulers are engulfing thousands of individuals in dire afflictions and ultimate despair. The hand of might is thrusting, thru war and devastation, men, women and innocent children into great afflictions in the warring countries. The great pity is they are helpless, and have become victims of tragic circumstances.

Deliverance of the righteous is promised by the Lord. God's Word assures the children of righteousness that the Lord will be their deliverer. It is true they oftentimes suffer persecutions, deprivations, hardships and great sorrows, but God will give them deliverance in His own good time if they will ever trust Him whatever befall them. Again the psalmist says, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry" (Psalm 34:15).

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"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11). The apostle Paul was a great believer in total reliance upon Christ. He carried the Gospel to the Gentiles, always relying upon the Lord to guide

him and to keep him in the heavenly way. He was dead in Christ Jesus, having no other purpose than to serve Him daily in taking the Gospel to lost souls. His whole heart was on the altar for God—dead with Christ Jesus. Also he had the hope to live with Jesus in that

final day. He did all to stand, and the victory was his, hence he was assured of that reward beyond this life.

Many a so-called Christian in this age of fast living are not dead with Christ. They have not put him supreme in their lives. They do not renounce all worldliness for His cause. They claim Christ as their personal Saviour, but divide their time between the practices of worldly things and their worship of the Lord. They could not meet the test of religious fervor with the apostle Paul. Nor can they stand the buffeting which Paul stood for the sake of the Gospel. It is true, all Christians cannot be apostles just like Paul, but more believers in Christ should be willing to die, if necessary, to uphold the Gospel, and to proclaim it with a zeal that shall take no denial. Dying here for the Gospel means living hereafter with Jesus. More people need to be dead from corrupt living and evil communications with their fellow-man. More immunity is needed today on the part of most people from the contagion of prevalent sin-diseases among mankind. The contagion of sinful habits is constantly spreading among humanity as civilization goes on year after year. All of God's people should be willing to die daily with Christ that they shall reign with Him in the glory world.

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"Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). Jesus spoke these words to His disciples that they should know that everyone who would

A CUP OF
WATER

do a simple deed—give even a drink of water in the name of Christ—would be truly rewarded. That was a very simple way of telling the disciples how humble services render-

ed in the name of Jesus by faithful believers would be recompensed by the Master.

The Christian may at times do deeds of kindness to the poor and needy, and never be truly thanked by the recipients of his acts of kindness, but the Lord will recompense him in due season. God does not overlook the simplest act of kindness performed in His name by people of generous minds. Services rendered in the name of Christianity, and in the spirit of true helpfulness always bring happy returns in the end. Christian duties performed well by faithful people to bless humanity return joy and satisfaction to those who give a cup of water unto the needy in the name of Christ Jesus.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

A Correction — In Notes and Quotes of last issue the word "not" was left out of our quotation of Emerson. The sentence should have read, "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I

have not seen." One little word left out, or added to can change the meaning of a sentence completely.



*Many Sad
Hearts—A great*

Rev. J. C. Griffin number of people throughout the country are sad today on the account of the sickness of Brother S. H. Styron, who at this time is in the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Our sincere prayers are going up in behalf of Brother Styron and his good family.

Spiritual Worship — "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship God we must get into the spirit of worship. When things that do not

pertain to God and the true worship get uppermost in our minds we are in no condition to worship God. F. B. Meyer says, "In order to have spiritual worship and power, we need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to quicken our spirit with His life giving energy." Jesus says, "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The person who sits with head erect, looking over the congregation, needs a touch of the Holy Spirit, so that his being will be humble before God.

State Association — The North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists was well attended. The Spirit of God manifested Himself. Interest seemed to run high for the work in general. This makes such old fellows as this writer rejoice. We were in the State Association (convention) when it was first organized. The only session that we ever missed was the 1938 which sickness kept us from attending. It was the most important meeting in our work in North Carolina and we are praying that it will be supported with the best that we as a denomination can give until Jesus comes.

Black Jack Revival—Our revival at Black Jack closed Sunday. Brother James A. Evans, of Kenly, was with us until Saturday evening message was delivered. Brother Evans did some good preaching. Our folk fell in love with him. God blessed our efforts and many rejoiced. The writer preached Sunday both morning and evening. We baptized thirteen Sunday afternoon, two of these accepted and confessed Christ Sunday morning and one gave in at the water. We observed the Lord's Supper at the close of meeting Sunday evening. God wonderfully blessed. Pray for the young converts.

News Notes from Western North Carolina

L. E. Ballard

Tent Revival. The Ballard-Bugg Party closed a three weeks' campaign near Leicester last night, September 12th. There were over twenty professions at the old time altar. During the last week Dr. D. S. Pace taught a Bible class under the tent each afternoon. People of the churches in the community, and of the Horney Heights Church in West Asheville co-operated splendidly. The party is scheduled to open next Sunday in Central Asheville, under the auspices of the Asheville Gospel Mission Workers' Union. After this meeting the party plans to use their tent for Free Will Baptist extension work, in co-operation with the French Broad Association.

Church Revivals. Rev. Linzie Howell, the new pastor of the Asheville Church, began a series of revival services in his church Sunday night.



He is doing the preaching with Brother Ira Jamerson in charge of music. Early reports are to the effect that the meeting gives promise of being a success. At Barnardsville Rev. Andrew Davis is now in a revival, assisted by Rev. Robt. Reeves. Brother Davis reports fair attendance and a "hopeful interest" in the services. The Union Valley Church of the community, which is reported by Rev. H. C. Ballard as "the best revival in our community in a long time." Both churches have profited by additions.

Pastoral Changes. The Swannanoa Church has elected Rev. A. B. Lourey as full time pastor, succeeding B. E. Guthrie. Cedar Hill has chosen Rev. J. H. Ball to succeed Rev. J. B. Brigman, resigned to accept the Hazel Green Church. Brother Ball will devote full time. Horney Heights has re-elected L. E.

Ballard for full time, with supply privilege when engaged in evangelistic work. Mrs. Ballard to be community mission worker, dividing time with the New Hope Mission. Mountain View has re-elected Rev. T. E. Woody for the fourth successive year as half-time pastor. Rev. George Hensley, re-elected recently at Paint Fork, has resigned, leaving this church open. Also the church at Dula Springs is open, Rev. Andrew Davis having resigned for evangelistic work. This is a new church, the congregation having erected a very serviceable building during the past year.

Denominational Co-operation. The Ladies Aid Society of Horney Heights Church recently applied for and was assigned a child at the Middlesex Orphanage, and arrangements have been made to take care of the needs of the charge at the orphanage. This society has also pledged a definite sum each month for missions, to go through Brother Moretz's department. At a special meeting at Swannanoa recently, at which Mrs. L. E. Ballard was guest speaker, the Swannanoa Ladies Aid endorsed the idea of an associational wide Auxiliary Convention. It is reported that a few of the churches, near the Tennessee line, have assumed obligations with respect to the new Tennessee Orphan's Home, just across the line.

Until a la Clarence Bowen, 111 New Street, West Asheville, N. C. P. S. Which reminds us to commend the splendid work the Bowens are doing. We trust soon to make it possible for Clarence to heed the call, "Go west, young man, Go west!"

Treatise Sold Out

We have no more copies of the Treatise on hand. We hope you will refrain from ordering same until you are notified that another edition has been printed.

F. W. B. Press

There is something, young man, which you can command. Go and find it and command it. Do not be content to enter on any business which does not require and compel constant intellectual growth—James Abram Garfield.

Foreign Mission Dept. N. C. State Association

REV. WILLET L. MORETZ,
Secy.-Treas.,
Swannanoa, N. C.

A Good Year Closes

We have come to the close of the best year in the history of the Foreign Mission work in this State. I, as State Secretary-Treasurer want to take this method of thanking each one for making this possible. It is only by your co-operation that any campaign can be successful, and the people of the state have co-operated splendidly.

I am giving herewith my final semi-monthly report which covers the period from August 13 to August 31, 1939.

REPORT

August 13 to August 31, 1939

Rosa B. Worley	\$10.00
Robert's Grove Church	5.00
Fifth Eastern S. S. Conv.	10.00
Fifth Eastern Union Meeting	5.00
Mrs. Carolina Robbins	1.00
Cape Fear Union	16.50
Union Grove Church, Durham County	4.00
Intermediate Class, Winter Green F. W. B. L.	1.00
Dublin Grove Missionary Society	2.00
Stacy Mission Circles	2.55
L. A. S., Friendship Church	
Johnston County	2.80
TOTAL AUGUST 13	
TO AUGUST 31, 1939	\$59.85

Monthly Report for the year
September 1, 1938 to August 31, 1939.

September, 1938	\$48.53
October, 1938	49.33
November, 1938	41.18
December, 1938	73.77
January, 1939	81.17
February, 1939	77.84
March, 1939	83.12
April, 1939	55.69
May, 1939	131.17

June, 1939	40.90
July, 1939	67.70
AUGUST, 1939	59.85
TOTAL FOR YEAR,	
1938-1939	\$810.25

Below I give a yearly report covering the five year period that I have been your Secretary and Treasurer. This yearly report shows the rapid growth in the Foreign Mission work in this state.

YEARLY REPORT

1935	\$85.24
1936	105.14
1937	634.84
1938	588.25
1939	810.25
TOTAL FOR FIVE	

YEARS ----- \$2,223.72

Willet L. Moretz, *Secy.-Treas.,*
P. O. Box 175, Swannanoa, N. C.,
or P. O. Box 215, Ahoskie, N. C.

State Free Will Baptist League Convention Executives Meet

The Executive Committee of the Free Will Baptist League Convention of North Carolina met on Sunday, July 3, in Elizabeth City to transact several items of business for the convention.

The rules and regulations to assist the Camp Committee in its work were drawn up in order that this committee would know its powers, and duties, and thus do the necessary work efficiently. It was decided to ratify a previous motion that the State Convention have its own stationery. This is now in the hands of the printer. The stationery which will be used for official business of the Convention will have on it the league emblem, and the names of the nineteen thirty-nine and nineteen forty officers with their addresses.

During the meeting a uniform report blank was worked out. These report blanks are suitable for use in any of the league conventions now

organized. They are to be stocked at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, and will be available to the various conventions for a reasonable price. The exact cost will be announced in a later issue of the Baptist paper.

For the ensuing year, the funds which are derived from the Challenging Quarter Campaign will be equally distributed among Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the Orphanage, Superannuation, and the Education Program.

A brief discussion was held on the methods of financially aiding the host church for the State Convention. Three suggestions were made which included the following: (1) individual registration fees, (2) assessments by churches, and (3) an appropriation by the convention itself. No definite action was taken on this matter, however, and it is to be brought on the floor at the next session of the State Convention. At that time other suggestions may also be presented.

Plans were discussed and the committee decided to conduct the "Read the Baptist Campaign" this fall. To the winners of this campaign, the State Convention will award a free week at Camp Leach at its 1940 session exclusive of the one dollar registration fee. Detailed information concerning this campaign will be sent out later.

Those present at the meeting were Raymond T. Sasser, President, Lucama, North Carolina; T. C. Adams, Vice President, Morrisville, North Carolina; Miss Juanita Copeland, Recording Secretary, Elizabeth City; Miss Olivia Ferguson, corresponding secretary, Goldsboro; and Rev. E. C. Morris, Chairman of Challenging Quarter Campaign, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Miss Olivia Ferguson, *Corresponding Secretary*

Ascriptions of praise to God merit no acceptance if they proceed from hearts that are not inspired with charity toward our fellowmen.
—William H. Seward.

Pittman Memorial Pastors' Third Annual Institute of North Carolina

The Third Annual Minister's Institute was held at the Davis church, Davis, North Carolina the week of August 20-26 with much success and enthusiasm. At a business meeting held on Friday it was decided by those present to dispense with all former action by the body and to simplify our Institute by encouraging fellowship and consecration among the ministry by avoiding complications in setting up boards, committees, etc. The organization as it now stands is as follows: Rev. James A. Evans, Kenly, North Carolina, President; Rev. R. P. Harris, Kinston, North Carolina, Secretary; Rev. J. E. Wooten, Treasurer, and Rev. Clarence Bowen and Rev. C. B. Thompson, Subsidiary officers composing the program committee. It was decided that the Institute would be held at the Davis Church again next year. Ministers and Christian workers are urged to attend the Institute next year which will be the week following second Sunday rather than the week following the third Sunday as it was this year.

A motion was passed asking the secretary and president to send a letter to the Bank at Ayden asking that the Institute funds be transferred by Rev. J. E. Wooten, the present treasurer. The account is still in the name of Rev. R. F. Pittman. The treasurer reported \$57.91 in the fund for erecting markers at the graves of Rev. R. F. Pittman and Rev. A. L. Davidson, and \$168.18 for the Institute fund itself. Any one desiring to contribute to either of these funds may send their contribution to Rev. J. E. Wooten, Ayden, North Carolina. We are urging all organizations and individuals to rally to this call in the name of Christ Jesus. The markers should have already been set up and our Mess Hall should have already been

built. Won't you send in your contribution today?

Rev. James A. Evans, *Pres.*,
Rev. R. P. Harris, *Secretary*

Pilgrim Rest Reports Good Work

By Mrs. Beatrice Lupton

First, I am very glad to tell you that we have as our pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten, of Garner, North Carolina. Last year at this time we were without a pastor. Brother J. A. Ringgold of Bridgeton made his last trip here in August. On the second Saturday in November, Brother Wooten came to preach for us. In a vision he had seen our church door closed and we without a pastor. He comes to us on the third Saturday in each month. We feel very fortunate in securing the services of Brother Wooten as our pastor. We know he is a man sent from God to us.

Second, we have a very good Sunday School we are proud of. We have Brother Luther Lupton as Sunday School superintendent, and we are getting along fine. We appreciate the interest of the young people who are taking great part in the Sunday School work.

Third, We have prayer meeting night at the church. Last Wednesday night we had a wonderful meeting. We had a visiting brother from the Methodist Church with us. We enjoyed his presence very much. There were prayers offered in the church that night and we believe they were offered to God from earnest hearts. We read in Matthew 18:20 where the Master tells us that "Where there are two or three gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." We know His Spirit was with us. We do pray that we all may continue to labor together.

Fourth, we have two very good Ladies Aid societies. The members

living in the Rowe Community on June 28, 1939, organized for themselves a branch society from ours. In doing this it gives them a better chance to attend their meetings, and us a better chance to attend ours, as some of us live from three to four miles apart. Last Wednesday the two societies met together, and we enjoyed a fine meeting together. All were glad to be back together again. We want all who will to join these societies, and help us in the great work of the Master. Those who are not members do not know the good times that they are missing by not being members of one of these societies. We are asking the prayers of all Christian people for our success in the great work.

A Request

1. Send all articles for publication in on time.
2. Have all lengthy articles typed double-spaced.
3. More contributors of spiritual messages desired.
4. Please write all short articles in legible handwriting.
5. All articles are to be signed.
6. Please give your article a title.—*Editor*

Notice to Parker Chapel Members

A resolution was passed in conference to revise our list of members today. All who answer to their names, write or let us know in the future where they are. We will make up our new list. All whom we fail to hear from, we will make up our inactive list.

W. A. Hales, *Pastor*,
J. O. Johnston, *Clerk*

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Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

Cape Fear Auxiliary to Meet

The time of the Cape Fear Auxiliary convention is almost here. The convention will convene with Hopewell Church in Johnston County on Wednesday, October 4, 1939. This is one week sooner than we have been meeting. Be sure to remember the date.

I am asking all local vice-presidents to co-operate and get your reports to the district vice-presidents as early as possible. Let us make this the best meeting that we have ever had.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Pres.

Report of Malachi's Chapel Aid

The Ladies Aid of Malachi's Chapel met on August 23 at the home of Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, and held its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the president. The topic for discussion was: "The Lifted up Christ." It was very beautifully brought out by our very worthy president, Mrs. C. D. Midgett, and some very timely remarks were made by Mrs. A. M. Reynolds. After the devotional exercises were over, the business period was entered into. The minutes were read and roll was called with eight members present.

Then after the business period, the meeting closed to meet in September with Mrs. S. H. Voliva. We earnestly desire the prayers of all the Baptist family that our Aid society may grow and be a great help in the future for the building up of our Father's kingdom here among men than it has been doing in the past, and that the people may become interested in our denominational work as a whole.

Mrs. H. S. Swain, Cor. Secy.

Program

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Cape Fear Association will convene with Hopewell Church, Johnston County, on Wednesday, October 4, 1939.

Morning

- 9:30—Devotional: Mrs. M. E. Godwin
- Welcome Address: Mrs. James Parker
- Response: Mrs. W. H. Lancaster
- 10:00—Business Period:
 - Enrollment of ministers
 - Enrollment of delegates
 - Reading of ministers
 - Reports of Vice-Presidents
 - Report of delegates attending other conventions
 - Reports of Ladies Aid Societies
- 11:00—Special Music: Lee's Chapel choir
- Sermon: Rev. S. A. Smith
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotional: Mrs. Willie Jackson
- Reading: Madge Davis
- Report of orphanage and collection for same: Rev. M. E. Tyson
- Report of Committee
- Report of treasurer
- 3:00—Adjournment

Program

The following is the program of the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention to be held with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, October 5, 1939.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions led by Miss Alice Webster
- 10:15—Remarks by the president
- 10:20—Registration
- 10:40—Business period
- 11:00—Special music
- 11:10—Congregational singing

- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. Marshall Joyner
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Program rendered by the local society
 - 1:20—Stewardship Contest
 - 2:00—Report of directors
 - 2:15—Theme: "How Christian Stewardship Should Help the Church," by Mrs. W. H. Harrison
 - 2:40—Theme: "Stewardship Commission," by Mrs. D. H. Furlough
 - 3:00—Theme: "Stewardship Tithing," by Mrs. E. C. Morris
 - 3:20—Adjournment
- Mrs. Richard Mariner, Pres.,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

Church News from Hazel Park, Michigan

The services began with congregational singing and prayer offered by J. F. Sandefur, and Sister Gentry. The deacons present were Loam Pearce, C. E. Miller, Paul Carrier, W. E. Gates, and J. F. Sandefur. The visiting deacons were Brother Simmons and Carlile.

Elder N. P. Gates, the moderator, invited all visitors to seats with the church body. Peace was called for and the church answered in peace. Brother W. A. Foller of Flint, Michigan, brought the message, taking his text from the second chapter of Hebrews. His subject was: "How Can a Man Escape If He Neglect So Great Salvation?"

The new business came before the church and the body re-elected Elder N. P. Gates as pastor for the next year.

In regards to the association the Free Will Baptist met with the General Baptist in Flint, Michigan, on Saturday, September 2, 1939. A committee of twenty-five men was elected, and set a date to meet with the Free Will Baptist on the third Saturday of September at the First Free Will Baptist church of Hazel

Park, Michigan, to organize an association for the state of Michigan.

Ray Pearce, *Clerk*,
263 Melton Street,
Hazel Park, Michigan

My Views of Feet-Washing

Since there is quite a bit of talk on the above subject by those who wash and by those who do not wash the saints' feet, I would like to say a few words on the subject.

Perhaps some never give it a thought that Christ's Church was set up in part by the pattern of the church that Moses, by God's instructions, set up for the children of Israel. We all know the sacrificial lamb had to be without spot or blemish. That lamb was a type of Christ. When Moses raised the serpent of brass to cure the children of Israel of their snake bite, that brass serpent represented Christ on the Cross. Now we must look to Christ to heal us from the deadly sting of sin. You will find by reading Exodus 30:19-21, that the church or tabernacle had a wash-basin, or laver it is called, to wash the hands and feet in. Now read St. John 13:14, "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

I really think that little word *ought* means what it says. The next verse plainly says that they should do as Christ had done to them. But some people like to leave out some things if it does not exactly suit them. St. Peter wanted to leave out feet-washing, but hear what Christ said to him in John 13:8. Some people tell you that after Christ's Church was organized, or founded on the day of Pentecost, Acts, second chapter, that none of the apostles ever spoke of feet-washing. I wonder if that is true.

Will you turn to First Timothy 5:10, and see if St. Paul did not speak of it. Was not St. Paul an apostle? I think he was, although he was not one of the first twelve. We know that a person can make as many wills or testaments as he

pleases, and none of them become in effect until after the death of the testator, and the last one which he makes before death is the one that will stand.

Christ set the example of feet-washing the night before he died the next evening, and we have no record where He changed that example for another. Let us now read the Great Commission of Christ as recorded in St. Matthew 28:19-20, and especially verse 20, "Teaching them (all nations) to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you *always* even unto the end of the world." Amen.

Webster said that if we observe a thing we must keep it in view. celebrate, or practice it. Christ never promised to be with them unless they observed His commands. And He didn't promise to be with them *always* because people have too many ways. Note the difference in the spelling of these two words. He means that He will be with them all the time so long as they follow the way He planned. That is the straight and narrow way. Surely we cannot be in the straight and narrow way when we decide to ignore and to leave out part of His commands, because we think them non-essentials.

Let us see what John in Revelation 22:18-19 had to say about adding to or taking away from God's Word. I am sure that no one wants this to happen to him. So let us become humble like Peter, St. John 13:9, and say, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

J. E. Ingalls, *Deacon of Piny Grove Church, Beaufort, Co., Greenville, North Carolina*

Announcement

This is to announce that Rev. R. E. Tripp is now an ordained minister of the Western North Carolina Association, and has accepted church work at Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Rev. Henry Melvin, *Chairman of the Ordaining Council*

News from Alabama

I want to report some of the work of some of our ministers in this part of the State. There have been three meetings which I want to speak of. First, I want to say that we want to thank God for such preachers as the ones that have worked in these meetings. Elder Parker and Pitts did the preaching for the Gum Springs meeting. Brother Potts is their pastor. Many souls came to the altar, and received victory in the name of the Lord. At the closing of the meeting Brother Pitts baptized thirty-four candidates. Some came from other churches and took membership with this people.

This is a fine congregation of Christian workers. Elder Franks and Elder Warren have been in a meeting at Olive Church, and they have had fine success. Bro. Franks did the preaching. Brother Warren is pastor of this church. We are all happy to know that they had twenty-six added to that church. Much old-time shouting was noticed in this meeting. It made us think of many years ago when people did not mind shouting, when their boys and girls sought the Lord. Brother Franks will be with this people next year, providence permitting.

Elder Thomas H. Dixon of Cheetah, Oklahoma will begin a meeting at this church on October the third. He will also visit our association which is the Jasper Association. This association convenes on Saturday before the First Sunday in October. Elder Warren held a fine meeting at New Oak Grove Church. Elder Lee did the preaching for Brother Warren at this meeting. I saw forty baptized at the end of the meeting. This is fine work. Brother Lee must have preached the Gospel with much power. If you will notice, you will see that one hundred and three were added to the three churches. This is good work, and let us hope that it will continue.

Reported by M. F. Whitman

Union Report

The First District union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met in session in July 29, 1939 with the church in Kenly. The devotional services were conducted by the pastor Rev. S. H. Styron, and prayer offered by Rev. Renfrow.

After the usual opening remarks by the moderator, Brother W. E. Thompson of the holiness church in Kenly, who was present, was invited to a seat with us. Rev. James A. Evans presented the Orphanage work, and took the offering for the same, the amount being \$9.34 received.

After singing by the congregation, Rev. J. H. Worley preached a wonderful and soul-stirring sermon. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Overman. The union then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order and after singing by the congregation and prayer led by Brother D. B. Sasser, the lists of ministers and churches were called. R. L. Pittman, Jim Renfrow and Z. V. Cuddington were appointed to serve as finance committee. By motion we gave the church at Selma \$10 out of the mission funds. The Finance committee and treasurer made their report as follows:

On hand from the last union	\$23.23
Received to date for union	10.75
For Education	2.25
Missions	4.85
For the Orphanage	12.75
Collection for the Orphanage	9.34
For disabled ministers	11.00
Total on hand	\$74.43

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	\$22.10
Selma Church	10.00
To disabled ministers	11.00
Moderator	5.00
To the clerk	7.00
Total paid out	55.10

Balance on hand \$19.32
The next union will be held at Mt.

Zion Church in Johnston County. After extending a vote of thanks to the people of Kenly Church for the splendid way in which they cared for this meeting, the union closed with prayer by Rev. L. T. Phillips.

Rev. W. R. Williams, *Mod.*,

W. F. Pittman, *Secy-Treas.*

Program

Program of the Fifty-third Session of the Western Association of the Free Will Baptist Church to be held at Marsh Swamp Church, October 11 and 12, 1939.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions—Rev. W. E. Anderson
- 9:45—Remarks by Moderator
- 10:00—Enrollment of Ministers
- 10:30—Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Report of Evangelistic Committees—Mrs. C. F. Bowen
- 11:00—Devotions—Rev. W. R. Williams
- 11:20—Sermon—Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotions—Rev. E. C. Morris
- 1:30—Seating of visiting ministers
- 1:35—Report of Ordaining Council
- 1:50—Business Period
- 2:30—Report of Ministerial Character Committee
- 2:45—Report of Princeton Church Committee
- 3:00—Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening

- 7:30—Devotions—Rev. C. F. Bowen
- 8:00—Rev. J. B. Ferrell

Thursday Morning

- 9:00—Devotions—Rev. B. B. Richardson
- 9:15—Business Period
- 10:15—Ordination Service

- 10:45—Temperance Report
- 11:00—Educational Report
- 11:15—Devotions—Rev. W. V. Brown
- 11:30—Sermon—Rev. W. K. Jordan
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotions—Rev. E. G. Holland
- 1:30—Business Period
- 2:15—Report of other Committees and Boards
- 3:00—Report of Treasurer
- 3:15—Election of Officers and Appointment of Delegates
- Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Program Committee*

Report of Home Mission Work

Dear Co-Workers:

We closed out the meeting near Henderson with splendid results. We never did know just how many were converted. We had fifteen additions to the church at the closing of the meeting. The new church building was almost completed. The new pastor was to preach there last Sunday. God worked in a wonderful way, and money came from every direction. We feel that a great work was accomplished in the name of our Master. Sister Franklin will take charge of the church as pastor. She comes to us from Missouri. She has had the pastorate of the Desloge Free Will Baptist church for nine years. I am sure that the people will hate to see her leave. Sister Anna Reed will accompany her, as she is one of our personal workers of the past.

These are splendid women of the Lord, and the neighborhood is very fortunate to get such workers. We came to Newopa, Oklahoma, a week ago to conduct a revival for Brother B. F. Rogers and the church. We have had thirteen conversions up to date, and we have a white harvest field here to work in, for many are lost. Pray for us that God will give us many souls. We will go from here to Flat River, Missouri.

We are sending Brother Tyson \$17 National Missionary money which came from the chicken plan. We hope many more of our women will send in their money as soon as possible. May the Lord bless you dear ones that have helped in the mission work. We pray that there will be a great missionary movement to get into our ranks so more work can be opened in towns and cities. We are praying for our people every where that great revivals will come and many be saved.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary for Fall

Date	Church	County
Sat., Sept. 16	Antioch	Wayne
Sun., Sept. 17	Pleasant Grove	Wayne
Mon., Sept. 18	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson
Tues., Sept. 19	Owen's Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Sept. 20	Saratoga	Wilson
Thurs., Sept. 21	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Fri., Sept. 22	Spring Branch	Greene
Sat., Sept. 23	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Sun., Sept. 24	Otter's Creek	Edgecombe
Mon., Sept. 25	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Tues., Sept. 26	Diddy's Grove	Pitt
Wed., Sept. 27	King's Cross Roads	Pitt
Thurs., Sept. 28	Marlboro	Pitt
Fri., Sept. 29	Friendship	Greene
Sat., Sept. 30	Free Union	Greene
Sun., Oct. 1	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Mon., Oct. 2	Hull Road	Greene
Tues., Oct. 3	Grimsley	Greene
Wed., Oct. 4	Saint's Delight	Greene
Thurs., Oct. 5	Little Creek	Greene
Fri., Oct. 6	Hugo	Lenoir
Sat., Oct. 7	Elm Grove	Pitt
Sun., Oct. 8	Bethany	Pitt
Mon., Oct. 9	Reedy Branch	Pitt
Tues., Oct. 10	Winterville	Pitt
Wed., Oct. 11	Ayden	Pitt
Thurs., Oct. 12	Piney Grove	Pitt
Fri., Oct. 13	Greenville	Pitt
Sat., Oct. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Sun., Oct. 15	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Mon., Oct. 16	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Oct. 17	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Wed., Oct. 18	Black Jack	Pitt
Thurs., Oct. 19	Rose Hill	Pitt
Fri., Oct. 20	Juniper Chapel	Craven
Sat., Oct. 21	Oak Grove	Craven
Sun., Oct. 22	Pleasant Hill	Craven
Mon., Oct. 23	Palmetto Chapel	Craven
Tues., Oct. 24	Macedonia	Craven
Wed., Oct. 25	Antioch	Craven
Thurs., Oct. 26	Friendship	Jones
Fri., Oct. 27	Core Creek	Craven
Sat., Oct. 28	Wintergreen	Craven
Sun., Oct. 29	Moseley's Creek	Craven

Announcement

The revival at Elm Grove near Ayden will begin on the first Sunday night in October and will run for a week or longer. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston will do the preaching each evening.

Levi Worthington

Sometimes when a man is found in a new relation to things around him and to other men, he says the world has changed. I believe that our self respect leads us often to make this declaration in regard to ourselves when it is not exactly true. An individual is more apt to change, perhaps, than all the world around him.—Daniel Webster.

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Lesson: Matthew 2:12-23. Read Matthew 1 and 2.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*And they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us*" (Matthew 1:23).

The Infant King. Centuries before the birth of the Lord Jesus, the inspired Prophets had proclaimed Him King. Jeremiah had said, "Behold, . . . I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth" (Jeremiah 23:5). With a spiritually discerning heart, when Nathanael looked upon the Lord Jesus, he exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel" (John 1:49). Daniel's far-reaching vision of the Lord Jesus included His royal sway over "all people, nations, and languages". (Read Daniel 7:14; John 18:37; 1 Corinthians 15:25).

2. The King of Peace. The thing which is most talked of and least in evidence in the world today is Peace. Nations and individuals are "looking daggers" at each other across ever-widening gulfs of distrust and hate. Misguided and Bible-disbelieving zealots are looking to so-called "Peace Pacts" to bring about a warless world. Through the study of the Word of God, we know that not until the "Prince of Peace," the Lord Jesus Christ, returns to "judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off" will the nations "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks". Till then, there will be "wars and rumours of wars". Are you praying for world peace apart from the coming of the "Peace-bringer," the Lord Jesus Christ? If

you are, cease praying contrary to the teachings of the Word of God. Then how filled with light will be your once distraught heart! (Read Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 24:3-8).—W. B. K.

I. PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. Political world rulers as a rule have no place for Christ (Matthew 2:13).

2. God is more concerned about what is done with Christ than about anything else in the world (vss. 13, 14).

3. God's perfect Son fits perfectly into the prophetic picture (vss. 4-6, 15, 23).

4. As Herod sought the Child Jesus, so Satan seeks every young child to destroy him (vs. 13).

5. Promises made in ignorance of evil results that would follow them, may be broken (vs. 16).

6. The babies in Bethlehem were

the first to die for Christ (vss. 16-18).

7. Enmity toward Christ is often coupled with cruelty toward those who are helpless (vs. 16).

8. God will judge and punish every man that rises up against His Son (vs. 19).

9. The way of sorrows for Christ began at the cradle and ran all the way to Calvary.

10. Christ identified Himself with the most despised of people, the inhabitants of Nazareth (vs. 23).

II. ADDITIONAL HINTS

1. It had been stated that Herod had given orders that on his death many of the leading men of Judea should be executed, so that there should be at least some genuine mourning at his death. Augustus was reported to have said, "It was better to be Herod's swine than his son."

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2. The population of Bethlehem could hardly have been more than two thousand, and the number of children under two years of age in that number would be between twenty and thirty. The cruelty of such an act would naturally impress itself on the local memory in an indelible way.

3. "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not" (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was reckoned as the "great mother in Israel." The tomb of Rachel was familiar to the people of Bethlehem. It stood about one mile to the north of the town. All motherhood was typified as having felt the terrible tragedy of losing the little ones. Today, the same great human heart is throbbing with unspeakable sympathy with the mothers of Spain and of China, as devastation and death dropped from the skies. —*MacFadden*.

4. The central idea around which all revolves is *God's care for His beloved Son* whom He sent to be the Saviour of the world (John 3:16). Herod purposed to kill Him, but "man proposes and God disposes." (1) He asked the wise men to bring him news of Christ's birth, not that he might worship Him (Matthew 2:8), but destroy Him. God, watching over the infant Christ, warned the wise men of Herod's evil intention and, by returning another way (vs. 12), he was still ignorant of Christ's birthplace. (2) Herod ordered the slaughter of all the male babes born round about the time of the appearance of the wise men. Again God saves His Son from the clutches of a cruel tyrant, for Joseph, warned of God, had already made good his flight into Egypt (vs. 13, 14). Until Herod's death, God protected His own in a heathen land. (3) Even after the death of Herod, it was not safe for Joseph to return to the place from which he had fled. Once more comes the warning Voice of God to keep away from Bethlehem because of the cruel char-

acter of Archelaus. None could destroy God's Son until the day when He gave Himself up (26:46) that He might fulfill the purpose for which He was sent (1 John 4:9, 14). —*A. H.*

5. *The Last Hint*: Study our quarterlies for much more valuable information.

Lines to a Leader

By Helen Hoak Eikenberry

Above the buffeting of men below,
A solitary figure stands serene,
Undaunted by the tests decreed by fate
To try the metal of man.

Unruffled by the jeers that rose in chorus,
Or loud acclaim that reached the ear,
He stood unmoved amid it all.

Yes, praise and blame alike rose but to be
Unheeded by the man with one intent.
His vision, unobstructed, could discern
The highest course, the greatest good
Of those he led.

Above the clouds he stands,
While those harassed by every storm,
Beguiled by every hint of selfish gain,
Were quick to answer when another showed
Visions to charm their thoughtless hearts.

Undaunted yet, the mighty leader stands,
Who would not beckon with the baser things,
Deserted till their sobered hearts again
Are brought to seek him and his splendid dream.

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Boys and Girls Corner

The Paint Spots

It was very strange, but although Herbert's eyes were as bright and keen as could be, they seemed to find it easier to see the faults and the mistakes of his friends than to see the many good things about them. It was, "Mother, John missed two words in class today." Jessie was cross all day and wouldn't lend me her pencil when I lost mine," or something like that, so often that his mother began to wonder how she could help him conquer this bad habit. One day she told him this story:

"Two little white hens were very tame. They were great pets, and they could not understand why it was that when the folks went into the house in the evening, they could not go in, too. They had their own little pen in the yard, but they wanted to go with the friends who fed them and petted them every day. When the sun began to go down each day, the two little hens walked around to the back door and tried to get in. When they found that they could not, they finally flew up on the kitchen window sill and cuddled up against the screen. Night after night they did the same thing, and after it grew quite dark, some one always went out and lifted the little hens down and put them to bed in their own house.

"One night as they sat there on the window sill saying sleepy things to one another in chicken language, some of the folks in the house noticed that the larger hen kept pecking at the other hen. At last the folks discovered what she was doing. The house was being painted, and somehow the little hens had gotten spots of paint all over them. The larger hen had a great deal more paint on her than her sister had, but she did not know that. The folks all laughed at the larger hen for making so much fuss about the paint spots

when her own were so much larger. But then, she was only a hen."—*The Sunbeam.*

Psalm 119:18a: "Open thou mine eyes."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HILL. On Thursday August 3, the death angel visited the home of Mr. John E. Hill and took his loving wife Mrs. Serena Tyndall Hill. She was born September 14, 1872, making her stay on earth 66 years, 10 months and 20 days.

She united with the Free Will Baptist church at Christian Chapel at the age of sixteen years. About four or five years ago she moved her membership to Deep Run Church, and was a faithful member until death.

She was married in December 1890. To this union was born five sons and four daughters. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, nine children, 16 grandchildren, one brother and one sister. We say to the family to weep not as those who have no hope for we feel that she has gone to rest. May we live such lives that we can meet her on the other shore.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Clifford Rice, and Lloyd Vernon in the presence of a large number of friends and loved ones. She was buried in Deep Run Cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

Written by Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

RIGGS. On Saturday, November 26, 1938. Sister Stella Riggs, began a new life with her Redeemer.

We the committee of the Ladies Aid society, of the Rock of Zion Church, Pamlico County, North Carolina, wish to submit the following resolutions

RESOLVED, That in the passing of Sister Riggs, the Ladies Aid has lost a very faithful friend. Also the church and Sunday School, and yet we wish to be submissive to our Father's will, for we feel that our great loss is her eternal gain.

We, therefore, extend to her family our deepest sympathy praying that somewhere in the future we will meet Sister Riggs again where no farewell tears will be shed, and where we will hear our Master say, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Mrs. Lauretta H. Banks
Mrs. Lula Lewis

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Homage to Our Dead

Dear friends we meet here together
In memory of those we hold dear
We see that their pews are now empty
And ten years ago they were here.

As we turn back the pages of history
And glance through the records of time;
We find that a host of loved ones
Have entered the regions sublime.

Some were just in the bloom of life's
morning
With faces so radiant and fair;
While others were aged and weary
And the crosses of life hard to bear.

The first to be called from our number
Whose memory we hold very dear;
Sadie Davis was one of our members
And had been for a number of years.

She was a woman of forty
Her sufferings were hard to bear;
'Till one day she heard Jesus whisper,
'There's no sickness nor death over there.'

She put her trust in the Master
She left it all up to Him.
Now she's resting and waiting the day
When her Saviour shall come back again.

Uncle Worden, a man full of power
Walked with Jesus 'till the last weary mile
He stood by his church ever faithful
And carried his cross with a smile.

But one day he said, "It is finished,"
His work on earth was all done,
The battle of life was over
And a beautiful crown he had won

Soon Mattie was called from our number
A woman who was loved by all
She carried a heart full of sunshine
'Till one day she answered God's call.

"Come up higher," He whispered to Mattie
"There are loved ones now waiting for thee."

And so sweetly she answered the summons
For her loved ones she wanted to see.

Uncle Sam was a faithful old soldier
Who stood true to his church and his Lord
He fought against sin and the tempter
With the gospel of truth as his sword.

He wore the breastplate of righteousness
He carried the shield of faith too
He stood fully dressed in God's armor
As any true soldier must do.

Uncle Willie, a man we loved dearly
Was a school teacher in our Sunday School
He told many souls about Jesus
And he practiced the Golden Rule

Our hearts were sad when he left us
When we lost him, we lost a great friend
He lived the life of a Christian
And was faithful and true 'till the end.

Aunt Mat was the next one to leave us
How we missed her when she went away;

Her church was a place where she worshipped
And her love for it grew day by day.
Not once in her life did she waver
From her Saviour so precious and true;
Now her loved ones are striving to meet
her
When her pilgrimage here is through.

Kathrine Hill was a girl in her twenties
A girl whom her friends all adored;
When just a small child she repented,
Confessed and accepted the Lord.

How fondly we cherish her memory
She was loving and kind to all,
To know her indeed was to love her
But she, too, swiftly answered God's call.

Uncle Kay we all know was a builder
His work was in serving mankind
While building great structures of beauty
He never failed to let his light shine.

His hopes were all placed in that city
In his mansion so radiant and fair;
At last he lay down in sweet slumber
Now he's waiting in peace over there.

But when God sent His angels from Glory
And said, "There's a girl that I need,
Go to earth and bring Gladys back with
you."

Our hearts were made heavy indeed.

But Heaven is made so much sweeter
Since Gladys has moved over there.
Let us strive by the help of our Master
To meet her in that city so fair.

Where no pain and no sickness can enter
And where death never knocks at our door;
There with Jesus and our loved ones
forever

We'll be safe on that beautiful shore.

On the twenty-fifth day of last April
In the still wee hours of the night,
Uncle Edward's bright spirit was wafted
From this earth to the regions of light.

Not a man in our church was more faithful
His works will live on through the years;
As we look all about we can see them
And his leaving us moves us to tears.

His hands helped to lay the foundation
Upon which this church was laid;
His labors have been without ceasing
What a wonderful record he's made.

We all lost a friend and a brother
When Clem was taken away;
His life was a testimony
'Till he came to the end of the way.

While dying he delivered this message
His wife was beside him to hear;
"I pow have that Blessed Assurance
And Jesus, my Saviour, stands near."

When we come to the end of life's journey
And the sun slowly sinks in the West;
When we stand at the Great Throne of
Judgment
Can we say that we've done our best?

Will a crown filled with stars and bright
jewels
Be ready when we get over there?
May we hear Jesus say as we enter,
"Take this crown for the crosses you
bear."

By Mrs. Pearl Alligood

Note—An original poem given by Mrs.
Pearl Alligood at a Memorial Service held
at Davis Shore Church recently, memorial-
izing each member of the church that had
died within the last ten years.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for August, 1939

Receipts

Balance on hand, August 1, 1939	\$1,219.63
Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Religious Organizations	480.13
Individuals	9.00
Concerts	130.15
Material or junk sold	1.40

Total ----- **\$1,915.31**

Expenditures

Salaries	267.89
Office Supplies	6.25
Publicity	11.00
Food	242.39
Car Payment and Truck	277.03
Clothing	31.74
Dry Cleaning	6.00
Household Supplies	128.89
Travel Relating to care of Children	85.99
Concert Class Expenses	15.19
Medicine	19.57
Superintendent Bond	12.50
Education Supplies	4.00
Lights	14.36
Farm Supplies	144.47
New Addition to Chimney	4.59

Total ----- **\$1,271.86**

Balance on hand ----- 643.45

\$1,915.31

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$1,219.63
Second Union, Central Conference	61.11
Goldsbore S. S. Offering	7.04
Lower Pee Dee Union	6.21
Martin Union, Iron City, Georgia	2.94
Hansley's Chapel Church	19.16
Oak Grove Church	4.56
Alston Avenue Church	1.00
Kings Chapel Church	1.25
Union Grove Church	5.26
Tippett's Chapel Church	3.40
Union View Church	3.00
Carteret Union and S. S. Rally	14.19
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Kinston S. S.	6.00
Bethel Church, Pamlico County	4.50

Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Sale of Jars	1.00
Wardens Grove S. S.	2.00
Cedar Hill S. S.	2.68
A Friend	1.00
First Union, Western Conference	22.10
Core Creek Church—Revival	136.00
Sale of Gasoline	.40
Core Creek S. S.	6.50
Core Creek S. S.	5.07
LaGrange Church	3.25
Stacy Church	5.00
Pilgrims Rest Church	3.00
Winterille S. S.	2.25
Elwood Lane Church	5.00
L. A. S. Shady Grove Church	3.50
Parker's Chapel S. S.	1.50
Union Chapel Church	5.49
Edgemont Leagues:	
C. F. Bowen, Senior	.50
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Ambassador, Senior	.31
Leaders Intermediate	.63
L. B. Barnard, Jr.	.33
Henry Melvin, Jr.	.15
W. V. Brown, Primary	.13
Fifth Union, Eastern Association	20.00
S. S. Convention, Fifth Union	
Eastern Association	15.00
E. B. Daughtry	5.00
Concert Class	130.15
St. Paul's Church, Sampson Co.	2.80
White Oak Church, Bladen Co.	3.57
Cape Fear Union	18.86
Johnson Union S. S.	6.00
Friendship Church, Johnston Co.	7.63
Miss Belle Davis	1.00
Rev. J. H. Edwards	1.00
Mt. Moriah, Rockingham, N. C.	2.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	6.50
Davis S. S.	5.00
Kinston S. S. (By Pastor)	6.00
St. Paul Church, Newton Grove	3.00
Rose Hill Church	4.50
Buncombe—Haywood Association	6.01
Total	\$1,915.31

Donated Commodities

Mrs. Nancy Allen—Clothing	\$ 8.00
Miss Ethel Willoughby—Clothing	1.50
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Mrs. R. R. Allen—Clothing	25.00
L. A. S. Rock Spring Ch.—Clothing	1.25
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—Material	4.76
L. A. S. Core Creek Church—Hose	2.25
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Union View S. S. Groceries	16.50
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Ladies Aid Clothing	20.75
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O God of mercy, when?
Not kings and lords, but nations,
Not thrones and crowns but men!
Flowers of Thy heart, O God, are they,
Let them not pass like weeds away,
Their heritage a sunless day:
God save the people!

SHALL CRIME bring crime for ever,
Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it Thy will, O Father,
That man shall toil for wrong?
"No," say Thy mountains; "No," Thy skies;
Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise,
And songs ascend instead of sighs:
God save the people!

WHEN WILT Thou save the people?
O God of mercy, when?
The people, Lord, the people
Not thrones and crowns, but men;
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Johnson to "a stately shop."—John
Randolph.

Wonderful Thoughts

by C. J. HARRIS, Greenville, North Carolina

Jesus is the most remarkable phenomenon in human and divine history. He is indeed wonderful in love and sympathy. He was astonished in his suffering the shameful death of the cross. But how about His wonderful condescension in the manner in which He was born? Think of His towering personality; His incomparable life; His rising victorious over the grave; His visible and glorified ascension to His Father in heaven. He is the Shekinah, the glory of glories.

Jesus left the shining throne of heaven, came to a sin cursed world to seek and save the lost. "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). He laid His glory by; the glory that He had with the Father before the world was; the glory resulting from creative power; the glory of guiding the armies of earth and heaven; the glory of eternity. "He emptied himself." "He made himself of no reputation." The Master became a slave; the King became a subject; the Creator of the world became a creature; the God of all the earth became a victim of death! How surprising this condescension! How wonderful this humility!

He is the glorified Christ, the Son of God with power. In His Church as well as in heaven, He receives blessings and honor, glory and praise equally with the Father. He is the revelation of God's righteousness. His blood redeems, and cleanses from sin. Jesus is the Master of the victorious life; the revelation of immortality, and the assurance of life eternal. He is the hope of the world.

Christ was the "none other name" of the Apostolic Church. Given such a Christ, we understand why Paul exclaimed, "Great is the mystery of godliness," and why "Halle-

lujahs" burst forth in the revelations of John's wonderful vision. The spiritual worship and the revival of power await the re-transfiguration of Jesus in the vision of the Church. Ethics, moreover, as well as religion, greatly needs the cosmic invigoration that can come only through a full and fervent acceptance of the Christ as revealed in the Scriptures in these words, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

"He was manifested to take away our sins" (1 John 3:5). Doesn't that act as a ray of light in your soul? Do you wish to be free from all sin? Look unto Jesus, He is the author and finisher of our faith, and if He makes you free, you are free indeed. There is no salvation without the forgiveness of sins. There is no forgiveness without shedding of blood (Hebrew 9:22). We are redeemed by His shed blood (1 Peter 1:18, 19). By it the church is purchased, Acts 20:28. His blood justifies us in the sight of God (Romans 5:9). We are cleansed through the atoning blood. All the world is redeemed today by Christ's sacrifice, and the only thing the sinner from having a promise of a home in glory is his rejection of the cleansing power of the blood of the Lamb of God.

Christ gave His life for beings infinitely beneath Him; for those who were arrayed under the banner of His great foe; for the subjects of another kingdom. He died for the salvation of His enemies. Herein is love: "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners"; consequently enemies, "Christ died for us." "Greater love hath no man than this." With tender compassion Jesus pitied us as He saw us exposed to the gulf of eternal death! In the depths of our misery, He exclaimed, "Behold I come!" He immediately hastened

to our relief. O, how He weeps, groans, prays and then died for us, and for our salvation. He pities our ignorance and groans for our unbelief. He weeps for the hardness of our hearts, and He died for our guilt.

As our Spiritual Deliverer, we ought to be very grateful to Jesus. His name ought to be to us above every name. His salvation is for the man that believes. He is precious and we should meditate upon His wondrous love, His unparalleled condescension, upon His heroic courage, upon His tender compassion and upon His divine wisdom, until the fire of grateful devotion burns within us because of His unspeakable love for a lost world.

We should look to Jesus as unto an "offering for sin." God has made Him who knew no sin to be a sin offering for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him; that is, that we might be completely saved by Him. His is the ground of our rejoicing, that Jesus has made full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, since "He by the grace of God tasted death for every man."

Painters, sculptors and others have, in order to be perfect in their art, studied models of excellence, but we should study Jesus. He is the Christian model or example for us. He is our Advocate with the Father. He takes care of our interest in the court of heaven, and He is no less watchful over our affairs below. Jesus is wonderful in His character, in His loving operations, both of Nature and of grace, in drawing, softening and glorifying the believer. He is wonderful! God has set Him forth for the homage and adoration of mankind. What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?

EDITORIAL

Rev. S. H. Styron Still Very Ill

We are letting our Baptist readers know that Rev. S. H. Styron is still very ill in John Hopkin's Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. His physicians are doing what they can for his condition. Anyone who should like to write to him or to his wife may do so by addressing them at the hospital in Baltimore.

The many close friends of Brother Styron back at home in North Carolina are praying for him, and hoping that he will soon be better. All who have known him in his ministerial work, and the great interest which he has had for many years in God's kingdom work are very desirous of his early recovery and his return to his home. He has been a willing worker for all the causes of our church.

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Randall Davidson Improving

Doubtless many of the good friends in North Carolina, Georgia and in Texas will be glad to learn that Randall Davidson is now improving. The latest reports are that his arm is growing better. Upon examination, his physician has found that union, or graft to the bone, has taken place at both ends of the bone where the gunshot had torn away fragments of the bone near the shoulder.

Randall has been in a cast under specialist's care for several months. He will have to return to the hospital for several weeks for further treatment and more time for the bone to completely heal and grow strong.

He is, as many know, the son of Rev. J. R. Davidson, and had planned, upon moving to Texas two years ago, to enter college in Bryan, but the accidental gunshot more than

a year ago prevented him from doing so. It is hoped, however, that he will be able by another year to take up the studies which he had planned to pursue.

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Bible Cross-Word Puzzle

In the secular press throughout the country, the cross-word puzzle has interested thousands of people in searching the dictionary to find words which enabled them to solve the puzzles.

Now, we are asking this question in connection with the Bible Cross-Word Puzzle: Why couldn't the readers of the Baptist become interested in and profit from the Bible Cross-Word Puzzle each week in the Baptist paper? The Bible would be the Book for reference for those who would be interested in solving the puzzles. But before we go further with this idea, we should like to have some expressions of opinion from many of our Baptist readers, statements on post cards or letters expressing just what they think of the idea. Would it not be a fine way to stimulate, on the part of our many readers, greater interest in the study of the Bible? Also would it not be a means of interesting different members of the homes where the Baptist paper is going each week to study the Bible with a view of finding answers to the Bible Cross-Word Puzzles?

Before we decide to run each week the *Bible Cross-Word Puzzle* for our readers of the Baptist, we should like to get the opinions of quite a number of the ministers, Ladies Aid Workers, Leaguers S. S. superintendents, Sunday School teachers, and other church people who read the Baptist. Therefore, we are taking this method of asking for your opinions concerning running the Bible Cross-Word Puzzle in the Baptist. Just mail to us a

card or letter stating your opinion of the good that the Bible Cross-Word Puzzle would do in causing people to read the Bible more. If we should receive in the next few days favorable comments on the matter, then we will consider taking the necessary steps to get the Bible Cross-Word Puzzle in the Baptist each week.

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Auxiliary Conventions

The Auxiliary Conventions of the Women's work of the church will be meeting soon in the several states. The leaders of the different districts are making plans, and are looking forward to great accomplishments in these fall sessions of their work. They are wideawake and are doing worthwhile things for the cause of righteousness through the different churches in the several states where they are established. Their interest lies chiefly in missions (home and foreign), education, superannuation, orphanage work, the distribution of good literature where needed, caring for local needs in their respective churches, and other worthwhile things which they may do to help the cause of Christ. Greater interest is being shown on the part of ministers and others for the auxiliary work which the women are doing for the denomination. The spirit of co-operation is growing for this phase of the work in the work in the church, and it will continue to grow stronger year by year. It is a work which is making the minister's services to his churches easier, and it serves to stimulate his interest in doing greater work, for he can be assured that the interested women in his churches will stand by him in carrying forward the cause of Christ.

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Young men talk of trusting to the spur of the occasion. That trust is vain. Occasions cannot make spurs. If you expect to wear spurs you must win them. If you wish to use them you must buckle them to your own heels before you go to the fight.

—James Abram Garfield

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

"Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people." — *Samuel Johnson*. Reader, where do you stand in gratitude? Only one of the ten whom Christ cleansed from leprosy returned to give thanks.

"Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all." — *Oliver Wendell Holmes*.

But the handle slips out some times and what a mess is made thereby. But listen, God says something about the man who uses that "handle." "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." — (Revelation 21: 8). What will become of Hitler?

At this writing I am helping Brother M. A. Woodard, the pastor, in a revival meeting at Marlboro church about one mile out from Farmville. God is wonderfully blessing. Praise His name. At this time last year many were saying that "Griffin would never preach any more." But by the grace of God I am preaching again. And Oh, how I love to do it. I am praying that I may show to my Lord and to my church and friends that I appreciate God's blessings, many of which came through my friends.

Week after the First Sunday in October, I am to help Brother R. E. Tripp in a meeting at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist church in West Kannapolis, N. C. Pray that God may bless us physically, mentally and spiritually for the task. Then pray that God will bless His word and that many souls may find their way into eternal life and become real children of God thereby.

Many of the Associations and conferences of our church are meeting now and in the next few months. It is a good time to place in the treasury of our church now, the largest

offering possible and use it through these associations for the advancement of missions (both foreign and home) the *National Educational Program* and the *Orphanages* of the church. Why spend so much on self and so little for the glory of God?

I have just received a letter from Sister S. H. Styron, who is in Baltimore with her husband, our dearly beloved Brother in Christ. Brother Styron is still mighty sick. But listen, *God can heal any disease on earth*, if we but have the faith, when it can meet God's will. So please, you who believe in prayer, let's be in real earnest prayer, that *God will heal Brother Styron*. Lord God may it be so, if it can be your will. Amen.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5: 14, 15).

News Notes from Western North Carolina

L. E. Ballard

Howell Speaking. Rev. Linzie Howell, the newly elected pastor of the Asheville Church just called us on the phone. He said, "Ballard, it looks like we are going to have a great revival. Things started off just fine. Attendance is good and interest splendid. Ask the Free Will Baptist people to pray for us."

Bugg Speaking. We stopped by to chat with L. W. Bugg, Musical Director and Business Agent of the Ballard-Bugg Evangelistic Party for a minute this evening, Saturday September 16. We found him a little tired from "bossing" the erection of our Tent-Tabernacle on the old Murray School campus in Central Asheville. But there was a gleam of hope in his eyes as he said, "Things are looking for a great campaign. Dr. J. R. Owen, pastor

of the French Broad Avenue Baptist Church came by to assure us of the co-operation of his good people. Also Rev. Mr. Bandy of the Asheville Gospel Tabernacle dropped around. We had no trouble getting plenty of local help in putting up the tent." But there's still need for the prayers of our friends, we are sure, for the task ahead is no little one.

Harris Speaking. Bob Harris said to us on the street today, "Rev. George Ingle is beginning a revival at the Deaver View Free Will Baptist Church, and he's a good preacher. You must come and hear him some." We replied that our chances to get to hear any preacher are rather poor, as we are busy with our church, tent, and other obligations. But we pledged our prayers, and asked to be kept informed, so, more about this meeting later.

Via the Grape-Vine. The revival conducted during the past two weeks at Barnardsville is reported to have been successful. Rev. Andrew Davis did most of the preaching. Several converts, Cedar Hill is looking for Rev. Aden Lowery for a series of services soon. Revival opened at Dula Springs Sunday night with Rev. Andrew Davis doing the preaching. This is a new church of some promise. Paint Fork is still unsettled as to a pastor for the year. All other churches in the Asheville section have elected pastors for the year. In general the work in this section seems to be "looking up", with progressive vision for the year. Pray for us mountain folk.

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Our National Educational Program

by J. R. Davidson,
Bryan, Texas

As time passes definite progress is being realized in our educational work. Reports come from time to time of growing sentiment for our proposed, and long talked of, institution; as well as continued interests which are expressed in cash offerings. Some are informing us that interest is being kindled in territory where the people have been negative concerning Christian Education. We are very happy for every indication of growth in interest, yet we again face the old fact that interest which is manifest in much larger offerings must be realized before our hopes can materialize.

It was my privilege to attend the North Carolina Association last week. What a pleasure it was to fellowship with old friends, and to discuss with them, both privately and publicly, the issues in our National Educational Program. For the most part the program was treated with fervor and enthusiasm, plus a true vision. Promises were made which involved men's bank accounts, therefore I know that the interest is real. I wish again to express my thanks to the presiding officer, Reverend M. E. Tyson, for his kindness in seeing to it that the educational work was given consideration on the program. We placed the plans and work of the board before our people there as best we could, and are happy over the fact that we were able to realize more than \$100.00 in cash from various sources while there, beside some substantial pledges. We may be moving slowly, but surely we are getting nearer our goal day by day. Thanks to the North Carolina brethren for all that they have done, and that which they are getting ready to do. With all the intelligent and spiritual-minded pastors with whom we fellowshipped in the State Meeting there will be great

response from all fields in the state from now on, I am sure. Do not let your hearts get cold, and your people lax on the proposition, but call for response now. We have been going to do things within a few years long enough—What we need is action now.

It is my purpose to attend the Missouri State Association next week, and I am expecting to have an encouraging report to make following that visit. Brethren pray as well as give.

Beginning now with North Carolina State I shall give an itemized statement of cash received as I make my reports and appeals from time to time. We ask that you remember that your offerings are covered with good bond, therefore no one should feel skeptical as to the safety of funds turned in for our work. We have not been asked to furnish this bond, but as a business matter I volunteered to do so. This bond is in the hands of the Secretary of the Board, Rev. George D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tennessee.

The following is a statement of North Carolina's offerings:

Bridgeton Church (including auxiliaries)	\$31.35
Macedonia Church	12.00
Gum Neck Church	3.00
Davis Church	5.25
St. Mary's Church, New Bern (My record of one offering lost from New Bern)	15.10
Sound Side Church	15.00
Spring Hill Church	10.00
Pearsal's Chapel Church	5.00
St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth City, (Mission Circle)	2.50
Black Jack Church	23.20
Cabin Church	4.44
Malachi's Chapel Church (L. A. S.)	5.00
Little Creek Church	2.00
Goldsboro Church (Including Auxiliaries)	6.50
Stony Creek Ch. (L. A. S.)	1.00
Antioch Church	9.00
Warden's Grove Church	5.60
Shady Grove Ch. (L. A. S.)	2.00
Union Grove Church	21.70
Moseley's Creek Church	5.00
Gum Swamp Church	10.20

Hickory Chapel Church (Including Auxiliaries)	15.98
Wilson Church	6.15
Western District L. A. S.	15.75
Albemarle Union	5.00
Fifth Union of Eastern Assn.	5.00
Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention	5.00
Eastern District L. A. S.	10.00
State Association, by W. B. Crumpler, Treasurer	10.00
by special offering	13.54
by appropriation (not yet turned over)	50.00
Rev. J. C. Griffin	2.00
Rev. R. E. Trip	5.00
Rev. E. C. Morris	1.00
Rev. C. B. Thompson	1.00
Rev. M. E. Tyson	5.00
Rev. Clarence Bowen	1.00
Mr. Dennis Swain	5.00
Mrs. Mary Rouse	1.00

Should any one discover any errors which should be corrected I shall be happy for your calling my attention to the same.

I am still waiting for your reaction to the Cedar Creek proposition in Tennessee. So far only one has written in to express himself.

A Plea for Financial Help

by R. C. Wiggs,
North Zulch, Texas

Introducing to our Denomination a young man of the Free Will Baptist Church; Brother Aston Pegues, of North Zulch, Texas. Aston was converted some years ago, was ordained as a deacon last year, and later, we together attended the National Association which convened in Nashville, Tennessee. He rededicated his life to the Lord during the service on Thursday evening. He surrendered to preach a short while later.

Aston comes from a very devoted Free Will Baptist family. His people are true to the church, and to their God. He has been preaching for us here in Texas, Brother Davidson and I, since yielding to the call. He is a very excellent speaker. Aston has had some college training. He attended the "Sam Hous-

ton State Teacher's College" in Huntsville, Texas, for one session, and was a very good student.

Aston is now in school at Toccoa Falls Bible College, Toccoa Falls, Georgia. This is a very good and fundamental school, a place where he can receive the right kind of training for a preacher. As you know this is the school where I attended, and also where Sister T. H. Willey attended.

Aston had no means whereby he could go to school, but knowing his desire to go to Bible school to prepare himself to fill the sacred pulpit efficiently, I at once sought for a plan to raise some money so he could go. I wrote the superintendent of the school about some work and he immediately answered that he would furnish him with three hours work per day, which will take care of half of his expenses. The full amount is only thirty (\$30.00) dollars per month so that leaves fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per month that I believe you as a people who see the need of a Bible trained ministry will gladly respond to this call.

Jesus said unto His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." It is obvious that this scripture is true. The harvest truly is plenteous and the labourers are few. We have been praying that God would send us more young men to preach. Well He has answered our prayers, and the question is what are we going to do to help these that the Lord is sending us?

We need one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, and I am writing to you, and I believe in you as a people, that you would like to have a part in helping this young man in further preparing himself for the ministry. Send all your donations to R. C. Wiggs, North Zulch, Texas. I am sure that you will receive a blessing from heaven because you give to this worthy cause. May the Lord richly bless one and all for your interest.

Historical Sketch of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Beaufort County, N. C.

(Read by J. A. Harris on Homecoming Day, September 3)

The information given here was obtained from the oldest record of the church now on hand. The church was duly organized on October 16, 1879, by Elders J. W. Linton and W. F. Slaughter, with James Linton as deacon and M. M. Allen as ruling elder, and known as the Pungo River Church. During a conference held in June, 1880, George Allen was appointed treasurer. After this there is no record until 1896, when Elder J. F. Linton was elected pastor. In 1900 the name of the church was changed to Union Grove.

We find that up to this time all the meetings were held in what is now the Primitive Baptist Church. The church got a good start and made splendid progress under the preaching and leadership of Elders Slaughter and the Lintons.

On April 1, 1905, Elder D. M. Radcliff held his first conference for the church and preached until 1909. During this time Elder R. F. Pittman held some meetings, and during the year 1910 he preached for the church on Fifth Sundays only. During 1911 Elder J. P. Woodard preached on Fourth Sundays. The church was very weak during this period. Only four members were added; namely, B. M. Holton, Bisco Davis, Mrs. Mary Holton and Mrs. Leah Gray. There were no records kept from 1911 to the latter part of 1917.

Sometime during 1917 Elder J. R. McCaskey came and preached on Fifth Sunday, and was called to pastor the church in 1918. Three were added to the church during this year; namely, Misses Lucy Harris, Estelle Carter and Blanche Harris. Through the efforts of these new members and the pastor and the other members the church be-

gan to take on new life. Miss Neta Harris also moved her membership from Shiloh, and Mrs. J. H. Lilley and Mrs. Eliza Lilley moved theirs from Sidney.

On March 1, 1919, Elder D. A. Windham was elected pastor. In 1920 Elder N. D. Wiggs held a meeting and two were added to the church; namely, J. A. Harris and Miss Callie Harris.

Elder J. E. Wooten pastored the church in 1922. Elder A. H. Outlaw held a meeting and Marvin Barnett was added to the church. About this time the church suffered some reverses.

In 1923 the church was grouped with Belhaven and Sidney, and the group called Eld. B. J. Cash as pastor. Eld. D. A. Windham held another meeting and nine were added to the church as a result. In 1926 Eld. Cash died and Elder J. E. Wooten was called to finish the year.

Since 1926, the following ministers have pastored the church: M. A. Woodard, 5 years; D. A. Windham, 1 year; R. F. Pittman, 2 years; R. N. Hinnant, 4 years; W. A. Dail, 1 year, and J. P. Woodard is now serving. Elders J. C. Griffin, R. N. Hinnant, R. F. Pittman and M. E. Tyson have held meetings in the meantime, with an addition of about twenty-five members.

With the efforts of such men as B. M. Holton, J. B. Allen, W. G. Gray, O. F. Davis, J. B. Harris and others, who have given much of their time and means to the cause, the church has made wonderful and substantial progress in the last few years.

The present officers are as follows: *Pastor*, J. P. Woodard; *Clerk*, Asa Harris; *Treasurer*, J. D. Kinard; *Ruling Elders*, O. F. Davis, B. M. Holton, J. B. Harris and Holland Allen; *Deacons*, J. B. Allen, W. G. Gray, L. F. Allen, Edison Allen and Marvin Barnett.

Among the oldest and most respected members are Mrs. Laura Allen, Mrs. Destine Strotesberry and Mrs. Mary J. Carter.

Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Ladies Aid society of Mt. Tabor Church held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5, at the home of Mrs. L. W. Davenport with eleven members present. We also had two visitors with us. The dues paid in amounted to \$1.90.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: 163 chapters read in the Bible; 8 trays sent to the sick; 49 sick visits made; 3 quarts of milk given to the needy; and 3 bunches of flowers given away. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. T. F. Davenport. After the meeting adjourned, the hostess served ice cream and cake.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough, *Cor.-Secy.*

Aid Report of Pilgrim's Rest Church

The Ladies Aid Society of Pilgrim's Rest held its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1939 at the home of Mrs. Nina Lupton at one o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Gladys Lupton. We then sang hymn Number 77, "All for Jesus." The president read the fifth chapter of Romans and led in prayer. The secretary then called the roll, collected the dues and read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Branch Society met with us and the amount received is from both societies which was \$1.30 for dues and \$2.30 for surprise packages we had drawn for. There were twelve members present.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: 560 chapters read in the Bible; 38 sick visits made. We then opened our program by singing hymn Number 1, "Lead On O King Eternal." The programs were very good, and were enjoyed very much. They

were brought to a close by a discussion on "What our Church and Its Societies Mean to Us." Our president led in the discussion. Then we heard the report of our treasurer, followed by the closing hymn Number 61 in the song book, and were dismissed by Mrs. Beatrice Lupton. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Sadie Lupton. Our hostess served cake which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Beatrice Lupton

People's Chapel Aid Report

The Ladies Aid society of People's Chapel held its regular meeting on Saturday, September 9, in the church. The meeting was called to order by the members singing a song. The one hundredth Psalm was read by Mrs. John Winstead, and Mrs. I. W. Stancil led in prayer.

After this Mrs. Stancil gave an interesting talk for improvements in the Aid society. There were 24 members present and 4 visitors. During the month there were 11 trays given; 18 baskets; 17 flowers and 10 quarts of milk; 31 sick visits made, and 144 chapters read in the Bible.

After the business was transacted, the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Jobe.

Mrs. Graham Langley, *Secy.*

King's Cross Roads Ladies Aid Report

Our society meets each third Sunday before church service. We do not have a program because our time is limited. We have forty-eight members on roll, twenty-nine active.

This is our report for the past eight months.

Number members	-----	48
New Members	-----	3
Balance from last year	-----	\$ 5.10
Amount of dues paid	-----	23.05
Amount for Sunday eggs	-----	12.05
Amount for brooms	-----	18.80

Amount for chickens ----- 25.45

TOTAL in all ----- \$ 84.45

Disbursements

Paid on Pastor's Salary	----	20.00
Paid out for brooms	----	16.00
Paid to Orphanage	----	12.50
Paid for Song Books	----	16.85
Paid to conventions	----	2.00
Spent for other purposes	----	6.95

Total spent for year	-----	\$ 74.30
Balance in Treasury	-----	10.20

Birthday Box

Balance from last year	-----	\$ 1.96
Amount in Birth day Box	----	3.16
Paid out for the sick	-----	2.00

Mrs. Blanche Tugwell, *Pres.*,
Mrs. W. M. Corbett, *Secy.-Treas.*

Central Texas District Auxiliary Convention

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs,
North Zulch, Texas

October fifth is the date for the next meeting of our Central Texas District Auxiliary Convention, which convenes with the Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas. We have held two meetings since we were organized some over a year ago. Much interest was shown from the first. Our district is made up of nine churches. We have worked hard to get this convention going and have been well pleased with the work accomplished thus far. Our work is somewhat newer than in some states, therefore, we are not as strong, but we are growing. The thing we must do is to keep our shoulder to the wheel and not turn back.

When we organized I was elected as president, but at our spring meeting they elected a new president, as I was president of the State. Our officers now are: President, Mrs. Della Lawlis, Midway; vice-president; Mrs. C. F. Goen, Bryan; recording secretary, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Bryan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ruby Withers, Bry-

an; treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Holligan, Bryan; 2 vice-president, Mrs. Arna Windsor, Normangee; 3rd Vice-president, Mrs. Tatum Trant, Iola; 4 vice-president, Mrs. Effie Hibbetts, North Zulch; Fifth vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Parker, Midway.

We are looking forward to a good meeting. Pray for us that we may grow in number and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We still believe in 1 Corinthians 3:9 as our watchword.

Notice

To the States representing in the Women's National Auxiliary Convention:

Dear Women:

In the National Convention I was appointed your Stewardship Director for the coming year and it is my desire to communicate with each State Director immediately. Please send me your name and address that we may plan together a course of study in Stewardship for the present year. I would like for us to have a definite course of study to use. It is also the desire of the National body that a book of Stewardship recitations be compiled that can be used in our work. If this is accomplished, we will have to begin now and work hard in order to have it ready for use this year. We must set up rules and regulations governing the contest and I want you to share the responsibility in making these plans. May I hear from you immediately?

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes,
Director of Stewardship,
Lucama, North Carolina

Program

The following is the program of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Second Union of the Western District.

Theme: "Christian Workers
Going Forward"

10:00—Song, "Onward Christian
Soldiers"

10:05—Devotional by Mrs. Alvin Matthews
10:15—Welcome address by Rachel Ferrell
10:25—Response by Marie Manning
10:35—Appointment of committees
10:45—Roll all of societies
11:10—Special music by Mrs. C. E. Bobbitt, and Mrs. Offie Bartholomew
11:50—Song, "To the Work"
11:55—Benediction
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song, "Jesus Calls Us"
1:05—Devotional by Mary Bunn
1:20—Local Program
1:50—Challenge to Non-Aid members
—Open Forum led by President
2:10—Special music by Mrs. Wilbur Lewis and Mrs. Worth Davis
2:15—Business session
—Finance and appropriation
2:45—Presentation of honor awards
2:50—Song, "God Be with You"
2:55—Benediction
Mrs. D. O. Wilder, *President*,
Mrs. B. S. Strickland, *Secy.*

Program

The following is the program as now arranged for the Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Free Will Baptist church which is to convene with Cypress Creek Church, Columbus County, on the First Friday, October 6, 1939.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotional by Mrs. Maude Inman
10:05—Welcome address by Mrs. Elton Ward
10:20—Response by Mrs. V. D. Brown
10:30—Roll called of societies
10:50—Special music by Mrs. Edgie Ransom and Mrs. Mary Belle Pait
11:00—Business period
11:10—Report of directors
11:20—Report of treasurer
11:30—Report of field worker

11:40—Duet by Mrs. Mary Storms and Mrs. Carrie Suggs
11:45—Message
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional by Mrs. Anna Belle Hester
1:10—Report of committees
1:20—Election of officers
1:30—Song
1:35—Benediction
Mrs. Mayo Brown, *Secretary*,
Clarkton, North Carolina

Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle

The Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle of the Elizabeth City F. W. B. Church met at the home of Miss Bessie Twine on Monday night, September 11, with eight members and one visitor present. The circle was called to order by the members singing a hymn. Mrs. H. I. Fowler read a part of the first chapter of St. Mark followed with prayer by Sudie Copeland.

After the old and the new business was transacted, the activities for the month of August were considered as follows: visits to the sick, 51; calls made for the interest of the church, 58; trays carried to the sick, 3; flowers taken 8; chapters read in the Bible, 130; dues collected, \$1.60; and money raised in other ways, \$9.60.

Mrs. E. C. Morris, *President*,
Miss Sudie Copeland, *Cor.-Secy.*

Revival at Sweet Gum Grove Church

The Sweet Gum Grove Church began its revival the first Sunday in September. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Moye, of Snow Hill, North Carolina, conducted the services each evening. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and I am sure it has been of much benefit to the church.

We have regular services every first Sunday. Pray for our church.

Mrs. Linwood Briley

The National Home Mission Report

M. E. Tyson, Treasurer

As treasurer of the National Home Mission Board, I am submitting a complete account of all contributions made since my election to this office. I should like to express my very deep appreciation for the interest shown in this work. I should also like to encourage our people to stand loyally by the work. It seems to me that a sensible survey of our field would naturally be a challenge to all of our people. Comparing our work generally with that of a stream, the Home Mission cause is one of our most substantial tributaries.

All of us members of the Board are looking forward to the time when we may have at least one full time Evangelist in every state embraced by our work. I wonder if there is a better way to strengthen the cause of Foreign Mission than by supporting and strengthening the work at home. As an excuse to justify their indifference toward this work, some advanced the idea that the work is not necessary since we do not have prepared men to go on the fields. I should like to remind those that it was Abraham's business to erect an altar and it was God's pleasure to furnish the sacrifice. I have my doubts as to one's interest in Foreign Missions being genuine when he can sleep soundly at night with no concern in the needs at home. Christ first sent the disciples to Jerusalem then to Samaria and on to the utmost parts of the earth. I trust that we may hear from you at an early date.

July 19 by former treasurer (Rev. J. K. Warkentin)	\$252.90
July 26, F. W. B. Church Glennville, Georgia	1.30
July 26, A Friend	2.50
August 2, S. S. Convention of Northeast Mississippi Association	10.09
August 8, Carteret Union ..	2.00
Aug. 28, Mrs. Myrtle Davis	5.00
Aug. 28, Mrs. Louise Bedsworth	5.00

August 28, Mrs. Minnie D. Mason	4.00
August 19, South Georgia Union	2.00
September 5, East Texas Association, by Mrs. Mc- Adams (Chicken Money)	17.00
September 11, Mrs. Arthur, North Zulch, Texas	1.00
September 11, Ruby Fer- rell, North Zulch, Texas ..	2.00
September 11, A. F. Ford, North Zulch, Texas	2.14
September 11, Mrs. Avis Cole- man, North Zulch, Texas	2.00
September 11, Mr. Elmer Casey, North Zulch, Texas	1.00

TOTAL\$309.93

Spiritual Blindness

If I should be walking down the street,
And a blind man I should chance to meet;
I'd gladly take him by the arm,
And guide his feet from harm.

If I should be walking down the way,
And a spiritual blind man meet one day;
Would I have vision sufficient to guide
His stumbling feet to the other side?

Many of us have good eyesight,
But still we insist on living in the night;
For as we journey along life's way,
We fail to see what God thinks best for us this day.

Christ came into this world of strife,
That we might live an abundant life;
That life is here for you and me,
But we're all too blind to see.

Think of the good things that around us lie,
Unseen they soon perish and die;
Still we sit and wish to see
Things that slip by into eternity.

Dear Father, help me to open my eyes,
That I may see thy world which around me lies;
For some blind soul may be dependent on me
To lead it over stumbling blocks to thee.

Mrs. John T. Tripp,
Winterville, N. C.

Program

The program of the Georgia State Free Will Baptist Association, Corinth Church, Iron City, Ga., will meet Nov. 14, and 16, 1939. Wednesday, November 15, has been set aside for the State Ladies Auxiliary Convention.

Tuesday Morning

- 10:00—Devotional services, by the Corinth Church
- 10:20—Welcome Address by Rev. R. L. Cartrett
- 10:35—Response by Rev. J. F. Ashmore, Omega, Georgia
- 10:50—Recess at the discretion of the moderator
- 11:00—Song services and Special selection in charge of Rev. S. T. Shutes
- 11:15—Introductory Sermon by Rev. F. E. Crosby, Hazelhurst, Georgia
- 12:00—Recess and Recreation (Refreshments)

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotions by Rev. B. C. Davis
- 1:50—Moderator's message and appointment of committees
- 2:30—Special selections by Macedonia Quartette
- 2:40—Mission Report by the Secretary
- 2:45—Missions and our field of opportunity by Rev. J. B. Lovering, followed by round table discussion
- 3:30—Committee Reports and Recess

Evening Services

- 7:00—Devotions by W. F. Clark, Thomasville, Georgia

7:30—Sermon by Rev. E. B. Joyner, Alma, Georgia

(No Wednesday Session)

Thursday Morning

- 9:00 Devotional by Rev. Harris Harvey, Jakin, Georgia
- 9:15—Report of Board of Religious Education, followed by round table discussion led by Chairman (Reverend S. T. Shutes)
- 10:00—Report of Zion Bible School by Brother A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia
- 10:20—Educational Address by Miss Lola Johnson, Alma, Georgia
- 11:00—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Emerson, Butler, Georgia
- 12:00—Refreshments

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotions by Brother Wallace Griffin—Subject: "A Layman's View of Our Church"
- 2:00—Final Report of Committees and Miscellaneous Business, and Election of Officers for next two years.

Program Committee:

Rev. K. V. Shutes, *Mod.*,
Glenville, Georgia
Thomas B. Mellette, *Secy.*,
Blakely, Georgia;

M. L. Johnson Goes to Bladenboro

I want you to print this announcement in the Baptist paper. We have had the service of the Reverend M. L. Johnson, of Snow Hill, N. C. for the past year, and we have unanimously called him to serve us next year.

We have been very fortunate, we feel, in securing the services of so noble a young man. We are glad to see the time come for him and his family to be with us.

We are asking all of the Christian people to pray for us and our church that it may grow and prosper. We

are looking forward to a prosperous year by the help of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
D. J. Pait,
Bladenboro, N. C.

Sunbeam Class

(INTERMEDIATES)

The Sunbeam Class and teacher, Mrs. Ray Kennedy, of the Cabin F. W. B. Church, entertained the faculty with a picnic lunch on Saturday, August 19, 1939, at 3:00 P. M.

We sang different hymns and prayer was offered by Mrs. Ray Kennedy. Our pastor, Rev. G. W. Kennedy, made a very interesting talk on the Sunday School and its work. After this message we had lunch on the church grounds, and enjoyed it very much. We invited our old members to attend.

Our class officers are Helen Boyd, president; Barnell Kennedy, secretary; Eunice Mae Thomas, treasurer; Mary Ellis Thomas, reporter. We would like to thank our teacher for the splendid work she has carried on during this year with the class.

Mary Ellis Thomas, *Reporter*

Revival at Spring Branch Church

We had a very successful meeting at Spring Branch Church. Rev. Willet L. Moretz, of Asheville, N. C., delivered inspiring messages each night. We feel that his wonderful messages will be remembered for a long time, and will be an inspiration to all who had the opportunity to hear them.

This was the first time that Brother Moretz had ever preached at our church, and I must say that he was liked so well that we want him to come back again. During the meeting nine young people, four boys and five girls, dedicated their lives to God. We were glad to see these fine young people come to Christ.

Although the weather was very hot, the church was filled almost to

its capacity each night by the church members and people in the neighborhood, and other denominations. We want to extend our appreciations to each one who took part in supporting the meeting and making it a great success.

Sudie Lee Dildy,
Walstonburg, N. C.

Sunday School Convention Report

The Sunday School Convention of the Third District of the Eastern Association met at Smith's New Home Church on the fourth Sunday in May 1939. The meeting was opened by song and prayer. The Captain of the Salvation Army of Kinston, North Carolina delivered a very spiritual message on Christian leadership and salvation of souls.

Following the noon hour some special selections in song were rendered after which the business of the convention was transacted. A list of schools was called with a representation of 12 schools and donation of \$13.00. This amount to be turned over to the treasurer and used as the president sees fit for the benefit of the schools.

It being time for the election of officers the following were elected: Brother, E. F. Crary, Kinston, N. C., was re-elected as President. Brother D. F. Chambers, Kenansville, N. C. was re-elected as vice-President. Brother Rashie Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C. was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was extended to Cabin Church for representing with a Sunday school. A Petition was taken for the next convention and it was voted to go to Rooty Branch Church on the fourth Sunday in November.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the Convention and Homecoming day together. The Convention adjourned until next time.

Rashie Kennedy, *Secretary*

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

Zaleski, Ohio

The Forerunner of the King

(Lesson for October 8)

1. Golden Text Illuminated: "*Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight*" (Matthew 3:3).

What John the Baptist was at the first advent of our Lord Jesus, the Bible Societies and all who are willing to help in the distribution of the Bible are to-day. "The Bible will take care of itself," wrote one of our mission board secretaries recently, "if the church will distribute it and get it read."

Here is the story of a little more than a century of Bible translation and distribution by the help of the great Bible Societies. In over 1000 languages some part of the Scriptures is available. In 179 the whole Bible can be used; in 212 more, the whole New Testament. And with these languages nine-tenths of the people in the whole world can be reached. But only one fifth of the nine-tenths actually possess the Scriptures. "At the present rate of distribution it will take a century to reach that part of the unsupplied four-fifths who are of literate age and thus potential readers."—H. M. H.

2. *Making Ready for the King.* O that we had today more servants of the Most High God of the John the Baptist variety, men whose only fear is the fear of God! With unsparing, and courageous severity, John pierced through the thin outward veneer of empty profession of Pharisees and Sadducees, bared their sinful, hypocritical hearts, and demanded of them that they "bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." This, John could do, for he himself was right with God, the Lord. The Word of God says

walking in all the known ways of that we are to speak "the truth in love"; that we are to "reprove, rebuke, [and] exhort"; that we are to pray first: "Create in me a clean heart, O God" before we can teach transgressors the way of the Lord, and before sinners will be converted unto God. (Read Psalm 51:10-13; Matthew 7:1-5). —W. B. K.

I. Home Work

1. Where did John the Baptist live, and where did he begin his preaching ministry? (Luke 3:2,3; Matthew 3:1).

2. What was the great ministry committed to John the Baptist? (Matthew 3:3, 11, 12; Luke 3:16; John 1:15, 29).

3. What great tribute did the Lord Jesus pay to John the Baptist? (Matthew 11:11).

4. What did the people of his generation know of the character of

John the Baptist? (Mark 6:20; John 5:35).

How was wicked Herod affected by the preaching of John? (Mark 6:20).

6. What was displeasing to Herod in John's preaching? (Matthew 14:3-5).

7. What quality in John had attracted the attention of the disciples of Jesus? (Luke 11:1).

8. How did John look upon the increasing popularity and power of Jesus? (John 3:30).

9. How and why did John come to an untimely end? Matthew 4:12; 14:1-12).

10. What did Jesus say about the relation of John to the Prophet Elijah? (Matt. 11:13, 14).—J. C. T.

11. What is the highway of the upright? (Proverbs 16:17)

12. On what three points of doctrine did the Pharisees and Saddu-

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cees differ? (Matthew 22:23-32; Acts 23:6-8).

II. Practical Points

1. There is still great need of preaching the Gospel in the wilderness of this world (Matthew 3:1).

2. The nearness and the greatness of Heaven's offer are the strongest call to repentance (vs. 2).

3. The preacher predicted by the Prophet prepared the way of the Lord (vs. 3).

4. Messiah's mighty messenger may have a mean appearance and a meager subsistence (vs. 4).

5. Confession is the condition of cleansing, and baptism is the confession of having been cleansed from sin (vs. 6).

6. Some applicants for baptism still belong to the seed of the serpent (vs. 7).

7. Natural generation will never secure a proper spiritual relation to God (vs. 8).

8. The tree without fruit has the ax at its root (vs. 10).

9. The baptism that matters most is the baptism with the Holy Ghost (vs. 11).

10. The baptism with fire will purge the world of tares when the wheat is gathered into the Lord's garner (vs. 12).

11. The Son submitted; the Spirit sealed; the Father satisfied (vss. 16, 17).

12. The Voice of God proclaimed Jesus to be the Son of God (vs. 17).
—J. C. T.

13. How did the Lord Jesus Fulfill all Righteousness?

(1) By His identification with the lost (Philemon 2:7).

(2) By His expiation of their sin (Hebrews 9:26).

(3) By His purgation of their guilt (Hebrews 1:3).

(4) By His emancipation of their souls (Psalms 142:7).

(5) By His sanctification of their spirits (John 17:17).—*MacFayden.*

14. Select at least ten truths found in our quarterlies. Read Jonah 1-4.

Letter from A. R. Flowers

Greetings:

I have a letter in my possession of recent date from a well known Free Will Baptist brother, in which he wishes to know if I will serve churches as pastor. No doubt he thinks that my many years in the service of Christian education have incapacitated me for pastoral services. He possibly did not know that I served for seven years as pastor, and that I am not one bit ashamed of my work, however, I might have done better.

Yes, it would be a great joy for me to work as pastor with an enthusiastic Free Will Baptist brotherhood, one that is desirous of real growth in Christian work. I never have been so much concerned about how many members a church has, and how much it pays, but I am concerned about how much it grows. I would rather have a church with only fifty enthusiastic members than to have one with five hundred laggards and shirkers.

I have no other credentials than those given me by the Free Will Baptist brotherhood, and I am proud today that I have honored those credentials to the extent that the margins are almost covered with the endorsements of other Christian brotherhoods. I have worked, little or much with about seventeen different denominations, and I have never yet departed from the principles of the Free Will Baptist brotherhood. I did not need to, for my very dearest friends are affiliated with these different Christian brotherhoods.

With love and esteem for you all I remain,

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Rev. A. R. Flowers,
Bailey, North Carolina

Good Books Christians Should Possess

1. A MINISTERING MINISTRY
By W. R. Walker -----\$1.25
2. HIS TRUTH ENDURETH By
James C. Muir -----\$2.00
3. LITTLE STUDIES ON
GREAT THINGS By Nancy
A. Allen -----\$.25
4. TALKS TO GIRLS By Helen
Welshimer -----\$.50
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ER By Mabel N. Thurston
-----\$.25
6. A GARDEN OF PRAYERS
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The books in the above list are fine and should be in every Christian home. They are inexpensive and most any home can afford to own at least some of them. They are written by men and women who had spiritual insight into God's holy will toward man, and were divinely led, we believe, to give to the public works that are wholesome and uplifting.

We have these books in store at the Press for sale. Any individuals, Auxiliary societies, Prayer bands, Sunday Schools, ministers, churches, etc. may purchase the number desired by sending your order to Mr. C. K. Dunn, Business Manager, F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.—*Editor.*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

CRAWFORD. This is in loving remembrance of my sister, Mrs. Lunia Crawford, who died on May 11, 1939, at the home of Mrs. Dal Beaman, Greenville, N. C. Sister was born June 17, 1864 in Greene County. She was the oldest daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Bowen. She joined St. Delight Church when she was quite young. After her marriage to Marion Crawford, from near Winterville, and upon making her home at Winterville, N. C., she moved her membership to the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, where it was at the time of her death.

She was very true to attend church and was always ready to help the Orphanage in every little way she could.

She leaves to mourn their loss her two daughters, Mrs. Melissa Cox, Winterville, N. C., Venie Edmundson, Greenville, N. C., eight grand children, two great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Jolly, Greene County, Mrs. Pearl Grimsley, Ayden, N. C., one brother, Cephus Bowen, Winterville, N. C. Also a host of relatives and friends.

Her funeral was conducted by the Rev. Pelt of Greenville, and Rev M. A. Woodard of Winterville, N. C.

She was keeping house for Dal Beaman and his daughter Mabel and son, Dal, Jr. She had her home with them for about seven years. She was nearing her seventy-fifth birthday at the time of her death. Sister was sick for only a few days, and then taken away suddenly. Her body was laid to rest beside her mother in the Bowen's burial ground in Greene County under a large mound of beautiful flowers presented by her many friends and loved ones.

Sister we shall miss you so much, But we hope to meet you some day, In that sweet by and by Where there will be eternal day.

Written by Mrs. Pearl Grimsley, Ayden, North Carolina

STYRON. On April 25 Uncle Edward left us and went to heaven to be with Jesus. He gladly answered Jesus' call.

He was a member of Davis Free Will Baptist church. Our church has lost a good member, and let us bow to the will of Jesus who is too wise to make a mistake. Let us cherish the memory of Uncle Edward, comfort the bereaved family until Jesus calls us home.

He leaves to mourn their loss his dear wife Emma Jane, two sons, Leslie and Linwood, and four grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. His funeral was con-

ducted at the church by Rev. Anderson of Morehead City Free Will Baptist church, and by Rev. Sprinkle of the Baptist Church. Many beautiful flowers covered his grave as tokens of love and esteem of his many friends.

He has safely crossed the portals,
And reached the golden shore;
Some day we will meet him
Never to be parted any more.

Written by a friend,

Mrs. Clyde Styron,
Davis, North Carolina

BOWEN. On June 5, 1939, Sister Cottie Bowen passed very peacefully from this life to her eternal reward, having finished her Master's work here. She heard the call "Come up higher." In her passing, the church and its auxiliaries have lost a valuable member, and the community a loyal friend.

Final rites were held Wednesday afternoon in Union Chapel Church by her pastor, Rev. D. W. Alexander. She was laid to rest in the Weede Cemetery. She was born on September 8, 1878, making her stay on earth 60 years, and 8 months. In her early life, she united with the Methodist Episcopal church. In the year 1913, she took membership with Union Chapel Free Will Baptist church. She was always ready and willing to bear its burdens, and to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Surviving are her husband, Jesse E. Bowen and seven children: Colon, Sewell, Robert, and J. D. Bowen of Plymouth, N. C., and Geo. T. Bowen and Mrs. Pete Bunting of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Jimmie Ellis of Brooklyn N. Y. She has one grandchild little Jimmie Ellis.

May the Great Comforter sooth the sorrowing hearts of the bereaved ones.

Written by Maude Harrison

IVES. On September 7, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Freeman Ives and took away his mother, Jennie Swan Ives. She was born on January 20, 1856. She was a kind and loving mother and grandmother. She was loved by all that knew her. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God loved her best and took her home.

She was one of the oldest members of Mt. Zion Church. She was always ready to help her church, or any needy cause. For several years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Allbrook of Greenville, N. C., but was a loyal member of Mt. Zion Ladies Aid society which she loved as did her church.

She is survived by two sons and five daughters, seven grandchildren. Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Woodard. The interment was in the family cemetery. May the bereaved ones look to the One who doeth all things well, and say "Thy will be done."

Written by Mrs. Ella Barnes

Revival at New Prospect

I want to report our wonderful revival meeting which ran for thirteen days and nights. Great interest was shown throughout the meeting. It was the best meeting that we have had for twenty years. Our church is now on the field for God. There were 13 baptized on Sunday, and there are three more to be baptized next Sunday.

We certainly did enjoy the evangelist, W. L. Truett, who held the meeting. He preached through the entire meeting, day and night. From the very start Brother Truett brought some stirring messages, such as the "Mark of the Beast"; the "Fall of Babylon"; the "One Foundation" and others that were very good.

I, as well as the church, saw the power of God manifested through the messages. We have begun a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights to keep our young converts in the work.

We bid Brother Truett God's speed, and may God bless him wherever he carries the Gospel. I think any church that wants an evangelist who is filled with the power of God will do well to get brother Truett. We beg the Baptist readers to remember our little church, New Prospect, in your prayers. May God bless our paper and its editor.

By a member of the church,

R. S. Gaskins,
Lake City, S. C.

Spring Branch Revival

Rev. Willet L. Moretz of Swannanoa, N. C., held our meeting. His soul stirring messages were greatly enjoyed and will not be forgotten soon. Mr. Moretz has many friends and well wishers here at Spring Branch.

We were sorry our pastor Rev. James A. Evans could not be with us all through the week. He was here on the first evening; however to help us to a good start before leaving for work else where.

The revival began Sunday even-

ing September 3rd and closed, with the baptizing and receiving into the church the ten young converts in an afternoon service, September 10.

As many other churches, we at Spring Branch, too, desire the prayers of Christian people that we may fight a good fight and keep the faith.

Lorene Beaman

Revival at Glennwood, Arkansas

The F. W. B. Church at Glennwood, Arkansas was very fortunate in having Brother M. L. Hollis of East Tupelo, Mississippi in charge of our revival again this year. And it can certainly be rightfully called a revival and not a protracted meeting, because his time with us was limited to five days only, and during that short series of services we had an "Old-Time Revival." The house was filled to capacity, and far more from the first night, and there were unusually large crowds at the day services too. Throughout his powerful gospel messages great numbers were convicted of their sins out of which thirty yielded and were converted. Seventeen united with the church, one being a young preacher who was ordained at the last service.

The baptismal service was about 10:30 o'clock Friday night by the light of the moon and the lights from some semi-circle of cars near the water's edge.

Brother Hollis has promised to be with us for a longer period of time next year.

Elsie Lawless

If I Could Know

By Mrs. Julia Walker Grant,
Goldsboro, N. C., Route 3

If I could know—

I had to die to morrow—

And leave the world behind,

I wouldn't grumble and complain
About the little things

That sorely peeve me now,

Nor pine or whine—

For greater honors were not mine.

Of love I'd give a heaping measure
Hoarding not an earthly treasure—
I'd try to drive away the mist
That o'er shadows human bliss.
There'd be no cloud of doubt to as-
sail—

I surely would not fail—

To look beyond the sky.

If I could know that I had to die,

I'd be the sweetest thing

To every living creature

Here below.

Orphanage Class Report

By Velva Daughtry

Tenth Week

Snow Hill, Duplin County	---\$21.00
Sandy Plains, Duplin Co.	----- 36.14
Cabin, Duplin County	----- 38.02
Beulaville, Duplin Co.	----- 30.00
Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.	----- 21.50
Bethlehem, Duplin Co.	----- 20.00
Lanier's Chapel, Duplin Co.	----- 13.05

TOTAL ----- \$179.71

Eleventh Week

Christian Chapel, Lenoir Co.	---\$20.35
Serecta, Duplin County	---- 20.50
Pearsall's Chapel, Duplin Co.	--- 32.25
Deep Run, Lenoir County	-- 32.81
Kinston, Lenoir County	--- 30.73
Smith's New Home Lenoir County	----- 10.00

TOTAL ----- 146.64

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary for Fall

Date	Church	County
Sat., Sept. 16	Antioch	Wayne
Sun., Sept. 17	Pleasant Grove	Wayne
Mon., Sept. 18	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson
Tues., Sept. 19	Owen's Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Sept. 20	Saratoga	Wilson
Thurs., Sept. 21	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Fri., Sept. 22	Spring Branch	Greene
Sat., Sept. 23	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Sun., Sept. 24	Otter's Creek	Edgecombe
Mon., Sept. 25	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Tues., Sept. 26	Diddy's Grove	Pitt
Wed., Sept. 27	King's Cross Roads	Pitt
Thurs., Sept. 28	Marlboro	Pitt

Fri., Sept. 29	Friendship	Greene
Sat., Sept. 30	Free Union	Greene
Sun., Oct. 1	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Mon., Oct. 2	Hull Road	Greene
Tues., Oct. 3	Grimsley	Greene
Wed., Oct. 4	Saint's Delight	Greene
Thurs., Oct. 5	Little Creek	Greene
Fri., Oct. 6	Hugo	Lenoir
Sat., Oct. 7	Elm Grove	Pitt
Sun., Oct. 8	Bethany	Pitt
Mon., Oct. 9	Reedy Branch	Pitt
Tues., Oct. 10	Winterville	Pitt
Wed., Oct. 11	Ayden	Pitt
Thurs., Oct. 12	Piney Grove	Pitt
Fri., Oct. 13	Greenville	Pitt
Sat., Oct. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Sun., Oct. 15	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Mon., Oct. 16	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Oct. 17	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Wed., Oct. 18	Black Jack	Pitt
Thurs., Oct. 19	Rose Hill	Pitt
Fri., Oct. 20	Juniper Chapel	Craven
Sat., Oct. 21	Oak Grove	Craven
Sun., Oct. 22	Pleasant Hill	Craven
Mon., Oct. 23	Palmetto Chapel	Craven
Tues., Oct. 24	Macedonia	Craven
Wed., Oct. 25	Antioch	Craven
Thurs., Oct. 26	Friendship	Jones
Fri., Oct. 27	Core Creek	Craven
Sat., Oct. 28	Wintergreen	Craven
Sun., Oct. 29	Moseley's Creek	Craven

Notice

The revival at Elm Grove Church will not begin on October 2, as was announced in the Baptist last week, on the account of Brother Clifton Rice's present illness. We are announcing that it will be postponed until the Fourth Sunday night in October. May everyone take notice of this change and look forward to attending the meeting the fourth week in October.

Truly,

Levi Worthington

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PSALMS 88:13

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TRUE WORTH, is in *being*, not *seeing*.—
In doing, each day that goes by,
Some little good—not in dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.
For whatever men say in their blindness,
And in spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

WE GET back our mete as we measure—
We cannot do wrong and feel right,
Nor can we give pain and gain pleasure,
For justice avenges each slight.
The air for the wing of the sparrow,
The bush for the robin and the wren,
But always the path that is narrow
And straight, for the children of men.

WE CANNOT make bargains for blisses,
Nor catch them like fishes in nets;
And sometimes the thing our life misses
Helps more than the thing which it gets.
For good lieth not in pursuing,
Nor gaining of great nor small,
But just in the doing, and doing
As would be done by, is all.

THROUGH ENVY, through malice, through
hating,
Against the world, early and late,
No jot of our courage abating—
Our part is to work and to wait.
And slight is the sting of his trouble
Whose winnings are less than his worth;
For he who is honest is noble.
Whatever his fortunes or birth.

—Alice Cary

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Home Mission Report

I have just finished three weeks in revival work. The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. Many have been brought to the Lord Jesus and hundreds of indifferent church members have re-dedicated their lives to the service of their Master. I have traveled from Texas to Florida in evangelistic work and have had many calls for meetings that I could not fill for like of

time. Many of the things that I have seen and heard this year in the work make me realize the more that one of our greatest needs as a church is more Home Mission Supporters, by this our church would grow as never before. New churches would be erected and new fields Evangelized.

I have just closed a tent meeting in Mantachie, Mississippi, a place where we have no church. During this two weeks meeting close to a hundred people confessed Christ as their Saviour and only twenty-three out of this number placed their membership in the local churches. That means that if we had a church there the rest of this number would have joined it, and probably many others. Many old people came and said this is my first time to ever hear a Free Will Baptist preach, and if that's what they believe that's what I am.

On the last night of this meeting the crowd was estimated at two thousand people. Do you believe in this kind of work? If so, send in your offerings to our National Treasurer, Rev. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C. Let's work while it is day for the night will soon come when no one can work.

Yours for Home Missions,
M. L. Hollis

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The Free Will Baptist Sunday School convention convenes at Oak Grove Church on October 14, 1939, at ten o'clock, A. M.

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Remember God did not place good and evil before man, telling him to make his choice. On the contrary He did tell him there was one tree of the fruit of which he should not eat upon pain of certain death.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

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Faith and God's Healing Power

By MISS OTHELLO EDWARDS, *Newton, Georgia*

Dear Baptist Readers:

I read so many interesting things in the Baptist paper until it makes me want to tell you some of my Christian experiences, and what can be accomplished in and through prayer.

When I grew up, just about the time I reached the prime of life my health was taken from me. My trouble started from wearing a pair of shoes with rubber bottoms. I began wearing these shoes in September and so about a month afterwards, my knee began hurting and my feet, Oh! how they did hurt and burn. Having never worn any shoes with rubber bottoms before, I thought little about them hurting me in any way. In about two months I could not walk very good, so one day I discovered my knee was swollen. I began doing all I knew to do and nothing did any good. Daddy had a doctor to call around to see me and make an examination. He said he thought it was some kind of rheumatism, and there was nothing he could do. Then we consulted another doctor from Camilla, Georgia. He said the same thing. Then another doctor examined me and he said he was afraid I would never walk again. Then I went to Thomasville, there were seven doctors standing around me at one time, they shook their heads, and one said to me, "Young lady, it is with you and your God if you ever walk." My heart was broken to pieces. This was a little after Christmas time, and Daddy had given me a New Testament for a Christmas present. I went home and began reading my Bible more and to pray more. No ease for me, day or night. I would have to take both hands to raise my cripple leg up to turn over and then the pain was so severe until I would cry trying to turn over in the bed, and when I would get turned over I was

hurting so badly I could hardly stand it.

I spent most of the time in prayer, day and night, three years begging Jesus to give me relief. I promised him if he would just let me walk again and give me ease I would give my life to him forever, and confess him as my Saviour, and tell what he had done for me as long as I lived, and so I did. I walked one half mile to Sunday School, and one half mile back every Sunday, cold or hot, on two crutches, I could not put my foot to the ground part of the time, not even wear a shoe of any kind except a bed room slipper. But I was never absent unless something had happened. My mother would say, "It is too cold for you to be out in this weather in your condition." I would say, "Mother I must be about my heavenly Father's business" and I went on. I would always ask God to not let me get any worse because of being out in such weather. Thank God he answered my prayers and I proved to Jesus I was going to live for him. And praise his name, he gave me ease and made me able to walk, and thank God I can walk anywhere I want to go.

My faith was so weak and I had but very little encouragement to help strengthen me, except through God, he would say, "Go on," and the Devil would say, "You are young and people will make light of you, just wait awhile", so I wrestled with the Devil three years before I could put him behind me. I began praying at home with the family. Then I could pray openly in church and do church work and all this time on those crutches. The devil tried to shame me because I was doing work in the church before crowds of people on crutches, but I saw to listen at him would shorten my stay here. My faith was so weak, this is the way I prayed. First, to

lay down one crutch, then let me get able to walk around here in the house and yard a little without either one. Then I prayed to be able to walk to Sunday School without my crutches and so I did. I can walk where I want to go, thank God, and he answered my prayers just as I asked.

One week before I got where I could walk with only one crutch or even hobble around the foot of the bed holding on to it, I asked mother to take me to town to get me a new dress. While going to town I was telling her what I was going to do when I got to where I could walk and she said, "Mamma is afraid she will never see you walk again." I said, "Yes, but you will," and she says, "I hope so anyway."

I came on home and on Thursday of the same week I was taken sick with my tonsils. I was in bed one week, and when I got able to sit up, then I began walking with one crutch around here at home. Before long I was walking without crutches and now I am going where I please.

The lady that took me to Thomville to the doctor was at my church one night after I got where I could walk and she did not know I could walk, and when she saw me walking she said she could hardly believe it, and thought I had just forgotten my crutches. She expressed great surprise and joy when she saw me get up. Thank God, he is just able to perform miracles today as he was years ago, if we will just have faith in him. When I see so many people bent and crooked with diseases, these days that there is no cure for, and how they have to suffer, but before they will give up their sinful life and live for Jesus and have health, they will just go on in sin and suffer their afflictions,

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EDITORIAL

Criticisms

Anyone can criticise. If things do not turn out just as people wish, they can and do criticise freely. Preachers are criticised for too long and too short sermons. Some want short sermons and others want a full message. Sunday School officials are criticized if they do not get all of the children in their community in their Sunday School. Some parents will not go and take them to Sunday School, but expect the teachers to do the job for them. Hence, they criticise—at least some do, others do not care a whit. Farmers are criticised for not going to church on Sunday. City people who do not go to church, but ride out to some place are criticised by the strict church folk. Boys and girls who are not particular about their company are criticised. School teachers get their share, too, from parents and the pupils. Even doctors are not left out in this respect. Thus it goes, criticisms are sure to be made, and some are just while others are unjust,—unchristian in manner and intent of purpose.

But the ones who get the most criticisms, very caustic too, are the editors of papers, religious and secular. The whole public can and do shoot at them most any time. If something is changed in a certain person's article, or paper, whether or why, the editor is criticised for the correction. If an important item of interest or news of value (arriving too late for immediate publication, and consequently is deferred to next issue), explanations are required. Why was it not run in the first issue? We do not understand! Everybody wants first place and the thing to be done now. Yes, *now!* Then what world of criticisms burst forth if it is not done *now!*

Well, we, as editor, are in line with all other editors for our share of criticisms. Why cannot people be

reasonable, and send to the Baptist messages in time to be published in the issue desired? Why should you hold the editor responsible for your late preparation of your article? There is an old adage which states "A stitch in-time saves nine." Why not take a lesson from this saying, and prepare in time your message, and then mail it in time. Then we would not be criticised so severely. There is another old saying which has come down from the days of the Caesars, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." And may it be said of editors, "Worried is the editor who tries to serve the public with an honest heart."

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Special Request

We are requesting some of our Baptist readers to send to us some original poems for the *Special Thanksgiving* issue of the Baptist paper. We will need these poems by the second week of November. Especially do we want a suitable Thanksgiving Poem for the front page. This poem must be between twenty-four lines to thirty-six, and no longer for the front page of the Baptist.

Also we are asking for special Thanksgiving messages in prose for the *Special Thanksgiving* issue of the paper. We can use any article from one thousand words up to three thousand words in this special issue. We're planning to make the Thanksgiving issue more attractive this year than we have ever made it before. Therefore, we are beginning in time, we hope, to get the best messages possible for this issue.

Note, all manuscripts of these special poems and prose articles are to be typewritten and double spaced between the lines for convenience to the typesetter. When anyone has prepared his or hers, mail it in to the Press that we can keep it on file ready for the special issue.

The Free Will Baptist

Dear Friends, just listen here!
I have a message sweet and true.
Do you take the "Free Will Baptist?"

Have you read it through and through?

This little paper will make you happy,

If you read it every week.

It will make you think of Jesus,
And the angels, Oh, so sweet.

I have often felt so lonely,
With no one to share my cares;
And then I read the Baptist
And drives away my fears.
It helps me take a step still higher,
On the ladder to God's happy throne.
And my cup feels full of joy,
I am getting nearer home.

If we read this paper carefully,
And take heed to what it gives,
Our troubles will always vanish
For in Jesus we will live.
He will guard us as the Shepherd,
As He looks after His little flock;
While we are thinking of tomorrow
We are on the solid rock.

We are climbing on life's journey,
To the end we soon will be.
Let's be prepared to meet our Savior

With the angels full of glee.
When life on earth is ended,
Our work on earth is done,
We'll praise the good old Baptist
For the victory we've won.

Written by

Mrs. W. W. Buck (Rosa Branch)
Gates, North Carolina

Piny Grove Revival

Rev. N. D. Beaman of Snow Hill began our revival at Piny Grove Church on September 17, and preached each night including Saturday night the 23rd. He brought some fine messages. He also helped with the singing.

The church was most filled each night and we had very good co-operation from the Christian church near by. We had a solo from a

member of the Christian church one night, and also one night we had a duet. We appreciate the co-operation which they gave us.

As a result of the meeting some of the members were revived, one young lady and two young men united with the church. They were baptized on the fourth Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Marshall Joyner. On Saturday before the 4th Sunday, we had our yearly or annual meeting. We served dinner on the grounds that day and attended to the business of the conference after dinner.

We were sorry that all of the members were not there, than we had had any previous conference. The writer and Brother Beaman visited Brother W. T. Pollard that week, and found him much better than he had been a few weeks ago. He desires your prayers.

J. E. Ingalls

Learn When to Quit

It seems that one of the serious handicaps of some ministers is knowing when to quit. Not very long ago a lady teacher said to me; "I would enjoy the discourses of the minister who is conducting our revival services if he knew when to quit." "He seems," said she, "to prepare about thirty minutes of his discourse, but from then on he jumps extemporaneously from one thing to another until he destroys the good in what he has said."

Brother, you should preach about thirty minutes and stop. Yes, stop. Recently, I was visiting a family who is affiliated with the Missionary Baptist brotherhood, and the oldest daughter, a high school graduate, in talking about the revival services that he had recently closed at her church, said, "I would have enjoyed his sermons more than usual if he had not preached so long."

He, too, should learn to stop. When you men have preached, prayed and studied earnestly for twenty-five or thirty years, you can be safe in making your sermons more lengthy. That is what a great old college president told my class years

ago, and I feel it good advice still. Yes, stop in about thirty minutes.

A. R. Flowers,
Bailey, N. C.

North East Church Revival

The revival at North East Church, near Mount Olive, North Carolina, was held from August the twenty-seventh to September the tenth by Rev. W. A. Hales with Rev. R. C. Proctor as choir leader. The pastor, Rev. Ranton Jackson, did some very good work among the people between services. There was a great deal of interest shown among the young people as well as among the older people.

All of the sermons were very spiritual, and uplifting. Nine people came, saying that they wished to be baptized and become children of God. One lady moved her membership. Several people asked to be remembered in prayer.

I believe the success of the revival was due to the earnest prayers of our pastor and people.

(Miss) Aleene Jackson

Notice of Direction

Those coming by the way of Wilson to attend the Western North Carolina Association next week (Oct. 11 and 12 at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church) take State Highway Number 42 to Flowers Mill, then turn right for one mile to Marsh Swamp.

Those coming by the way of Middlesex or Bailey will continue on U. S. Highway Number 264 to Sims, then turn right about four miles to Marsh Swamp. Those coming by the way of Selma and Kenly will take State Highway Number 581 two miles out of Kenly, continue on same 5 miles to Buckhorn, then turn left one mile to Marsh Swamp.

Our church urges all delegates, ministers and visitors to come early and stay throughout the association.

Yours truly,

K. D. Brame

Important Request

As a committee of our church (St. John's), we are requesting to get the names and addresses of the preachers who do not have their Sundays filled up for the coming pastoral year, and who would be obtainable for services for the coming year.

We shall appreciate it if all North Carolina Free Will Baptist ministers who have not as yet full time work for another year will send to me your name and address on a postal card.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. D. J. Vinson,
Goldsboro, N. C.,
Route 3

Notice of Revival Meeting at Pilgrim's Home Church

Rev. C. B. Thompson of the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist church will conduct the revival meeting at Pilgrim's Home Church, beginning October 9. The church is located in Beasley Township in Jones County, three miles of Wise Fork. The public is cordially invited to come and worship with us during this meeting.

W. G. Ipock, Clerk

THE BOOK

By Sherman H. Oakes

The Bible is a wonderful book
You should read it in every nook
It contains gems that are rare
It will give your life's fare.

You should read it every day
As you journey on life's way
It will keep life all the way
It will guide you every day.

When clouds hang heavy over you
Its rainbows will help you through
In the darkest experience of night
Its pages will give you light.

It is the Book for one and all
For every lost soul from the fall
It will place you on the rock
Give you righteousness as a stock.

The Creator gave up this wisdom
That we might enter his Kingdom
With Him to live and rejoice forever
No more sorrow—No not ever.

Report on Reverend S. H. Styron's Condition

*Johns Hopkins Hospital,
Baltimore, Maryland*

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am taking this method of letting the people hear from Mr. Styron. I should like to write to everyone who is interested and who has written to us, but I find it impossible to do so.

No doubt you have heard many things and you don't know what is right, but the doctors have made so many changes in their reports, I am at a loss to know myself what to say. The first two days they examined him constantly. Then they removed a gland from his neck. The following Tuesday they told us they had decided to operate that he had a tumor, and it would have to be removed. On Wednesday they sent for me, and said they had sent him to the best eye, ear nose and throat specialist in Johns Hopkins Hospital to get their opinion. This they did and kept him over two hours getting him ready to report on, and that night when I went back, they said it would take five years to cure him without operation, and on the next day his specialist, Dr. Firor said, together with this examination, they had sent for the noted Dr. Kelly, a man who was a specialist on radium treatment. So he came and brought another doctor with him, and they decided to give him a strong X-Ray. He has been taking this since yesterday a week ago. The doctors say if this doesn't work out like it should, they will have to operate.

We are hoping that this treatment will relieve the trouble, and that he can be restored to his health. The doctors who are giving this treatment every day seem to think that it will help him. Some days his head doesn't ache as much as it does on others, and that is some encouragement. He has been very blue for two weeks, and has lost hopes of ever being well again. Some days

he has nausea and such head aches that they have to give him medicine to get him to sleep.

Thursday of this week the radium doctors came in and examined him to see if his neck had gone down in size, and Dr. Neal told him that he would be back in a few days to decide on the next treatment. We do not know what these next steps will be. The doctors here do not tell you much. Dr. Firor told me that he would do what he could, that it was a serious trouble.

He had a load of North Carolina people who came to see him Monday. Elders John Alford, James A. Evans, Luke Wetherington, and Bro. Walter Crumpler and Carl Bagley. He will never forget their trip. He kept talking about their coming. But the next day after their visit he was very sick and had to be kept quiet all day, suffering with this dreadful sick stomach. He has taken this treatment every day, and it keeps him weak and nauseated.

He asked me this morning to please write to the Baptist paper, and thank all of the people for their goodness, and the kind way in which they had helped him. Bro. Crumpler brought him a check from the State Association for \$66.12 which is being kept to use on his hospital expenses, and he said that he wanted me to thank each one who made this gift possible. He did not know who they were, and that he wanted them to know how he thanked them for the gift. Also he wants to thank the people, who have sent personal checks and flowers, and that he was praying the best he knew to get well if it is the Lord's will, if not, that he would not have to suffer long. He has been shown special favors in various ways, and he asked me to thank his brother ministers for their kind expression of love toward him. Several have offered their services in ways and means, saying, "Call on me if I can do anything."

Brother Hinnant came with him to the hospital, also, Dr. Hinnant,

and offered any service they could render. Bro. Tyson, Evans, Alford, Hales, Wetherington, Griffin, Bowen and Holland, and Bro. Worley, and many others have expressed their willingness to do anything they can for him. I want to say that all you have done are greatly appreciated, the cards, nice letters, telegrams, "Get well" postals. Trenton, Pine Level, Kenly and Wilson churches have sent flowers. He is very appreciative of everything. These people in the hospital, doctors and nurses, and orderlies call him "Big Preacher." He had the head nurse to tell him that he was the most popular patient on "Halstead."

We will report in the next week's Baptist paper his condition again, and hope that he will be much better. He realizes that you are praying for him and asks that you pray on. He has become discouraged and says if the Lord can't see fit to raise him up from this sickness, he will never be well again.

I don't believe he leaves out a single preacher when he gets to calling them over, and his friends all over North Carolina, and other states. Pray for us and if we fail to write you personally, don't think we don't appreciate your prayers and your thoughts of us.

Very respectfully,
Mrs. S. H. Styron

Announcement

We, the church at Shiloh, wish to announce that on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October we purpose to have, the Lord willing, our regular yearly meeting, and also we are calling it an Home-Coming Day.

Dinner will be served on the ground, as we usually have at this meeting. All members that possibly can are urged to be present. All former pastors are asked to come if they possibly can to be with us. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all who will come. Let us all enjoy the day together in the service of the Lord.

J. E. Foreman, *Clerk*

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Marlboro Revival.— Wednesday, September 27, 1939, we closed our evangelistic services at the Marlboro church. God blessed our efforts. There were



ten who confessed Jesus Christ with their mouth. They said that they believed in their heart. That is a sure work. Paul says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). So, when one believes in his heart and confesses his belief he is surely saved—if his confession is real. We can trust what God says to us through his holy apostle.

Rev. M. A. Woodard—Brother M. A. Woodard is the retiring pastor of the church at Marlboro where we just closed the above stated meeting. Brother Woodard gave us his hearty co-operation while with him in the work of the Lord. We left the new born babes in Christ to be baptized by him. Sister Woodard and Rachel were with us part of the time in the meeting. Such co-operation makes the visiting minister rejoice.

The Marlboro Church—The people of Marlboro church are real good old-fashion people with good old-fashion hospitality. They seem to really rejoice to have the servants of God in their midst. We spent one day with Brother Levi Humble, one of our ministers, while at Marlboro. It is a pleasure to visit such homes. We pray God's richest blessings upon these good people and their church.

The Central Conference Auxiliary—The Central Conference Women's Auxiliary met with the Marlboro church on Wednesday and by virtue of our being at that place in the

evangelistic services it was my good pleasure to sit with them in their deliberations. This body of women are keenly alive to the best of the church and its auxiliaries. They are working together for the orphanage work, missions, both Foreign and Home, together with local benevolences and the general program of the church. Of course the rain which fell on the day of meeting kept many away, no doubt, however, the attendance was good, and all seemed to enjoy the work. May God bless our Women in their work, everywhere.

Flashes from the Field

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE BOWEN
N. C. State F. W. B. L. Field Secretaries

September 28, 1939

Say, leaguers, one of the best leagues I know is at Rains Cross Roads in Johnston County. We were with them a week in a revival some time ago, how those young people co-operated! We were proud of them.

On Sunday night we visited the Intermediates, enjoyed their program, and had the opportunity to lead an open discussion with them.

The Juniors—and what Juniors—led the meditation period. This was great. Mrs. Walter Williams is their superintendent and they had a sweet little program planned. Even Betsy Ann Boyette's poem was good.

Mrs. Ola Mae Williams is the director of these leagues and they are among the most outstanding leagues in Johnston County. The Rev. J. W. Alford is the pastor of this fine group of young people.

While over in Harnett County some time ago it was our good pleasure to attend an ice-cream social with some of the Prospect leaguers. They, too, have a fine group and their pastor, Rev. G. C. Joyner, is doing some fine work with them.

Some time ago we made a mistake

in our flashes. We said that the Junior league of Sound Side took all the honors at a recent meeting of the Albemarle League Union. But it was the Intermediates of Sound Side that took the honors. Beg pardon, Intermediates. The Juniors, however, are among those hard to beat.

We were very sorry to call off three engagements for league work this fall. We had planned to come back to Core Creek, and Goldsboro, and had set a date for Dawson's Grove. They excused us, however, when they learned that we planned to enter school at Campbell College this fall. Pray for us.

Till we meet again, 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Give Me the Praises While I Live

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C., Route 5

If you should have a flower for me,
Just bring it on, dear friend, today;
For eyes can't see, and nose can't
smell

When it shall on my casket lay.

If you a kind word for me have,
Just speak it out in accents clear;
Don't wait to tell my weeping
friends,
Ears deaf in death can never hear.

If I should do a thing with praise,
Don't keep it to yourself alone;
But tell it to your humble friend,
Don't chisel it on my tombstone.

If I should have a flower for you,
I'll give it to you while you live;
It isn't what we give that counts,
But it's the spirit in which we give.

If I should have just one kind word,
I'll say it unto you today;
And keep it not for your dear
friends

When you lie sleeping in the clay.

If you should do a thing worthy of
praise,
I'll go and give my praise to you;
For it is said in Holy Writ,
"Give honor to whom honor's due."

Read "The Baptist" Campaign

(Conducted by the Free Will Baptist League Convention)

OUR GOAL—"The Baptist" in every Leaguer's Home

by RAYMOND T. SASSER, Pres.,
Lucama, North Carolina

Editor's Note: You will, no doubt, remember that in December of last year the Free Will Baptist League Convention of North Carolina planned to sponsor a Read "The Baptist" Campaign. Owing to conditions beyond our control, it was impossible to conduct this campaign at that time.

The campaign has created a great interest for educational work among our young people, and the Free Will Baptist Press takes pleasure in announcing that this campaign will be sponsored, beginning the second week in October. The following is a reprint of an article by Raymond T. Sasser, President of the F. W. B. L. Convention. We are urging every member of our denomination in the state to give our young people their very best co-operation, and help them to accomplish their goal—"The Baptist" in every Leaguer's home.—*Editor.*

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It won't be many days before every church in North Carolina will receive three big 12 by 18 inch charts, containing the details of this big Read "The Baptist" Campaign which the Leaguers of North Carolina are conducting.

"Well, what's this all about?" you will no doubt ask. Simply this, the definition of the League is, "The Training Service of the Church." We believe that the young people cannot be properly trained for leadership in later life if they do not understand and know what our great denomination stands for and is doing for the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth. We believe that regularly reading "The Baptist" will help us. Anyway, it

looks like somebody else thought so too, so that's why the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press voted unanimously to help us conduct this campaign.

Leaguers, here are the rules and rewards, you will note that every League can win something:

1. The F. W. B. L. Convention of North Carolina will give a free trip to camp this summer to the individual leaguer in North Carolina who secures the most new or renewal subscriptions. (This does not include transportation expenses to and from camp nor the registration fee of \$1.00.)

2. The Free Will Baptist Press will give a free trip to visit the Press, to see the "Baptist" printed, to see where our League Quarterlies are printed, etc., and a free dinner. This trip will be for the group that secures the largest number of new or renewal subscriptions in the state. (This does not mean to a whole league, except where the membership of the League is 10 or less. For example, Group No. 1 of the Senior League at New Bern might receive the highest number of subscriptions in the state and would be entitled to this trip.)

3. Every league or group has an opportunity to win something. For each ten new or renewal subscriptions it secures, the League or group will be allowed one free subscription, which it can give to some leaguer or worthy person.

When your charts arrive they should be hung on the wall in your church, so that every one can watch the progress you are making from week to week. If there is not at present a League in your church, some young people's Sunday School Class is invited to participate, and here's hoping you will have a League before long.

The campaign begins the second week of October and runs through the second week in November. Sunday, October 15, is the first day subscriptions may be turned in to the campaign managers of each League, and Sunday November 19th is the last.

A Testimony and a Plea

Dear Readers:

My heart has been burdened for some time on the question of how God finances His Church. I have prayed earnestly about this, I did not seem to get the light until I had helped with selling tickets for quilts and etc. to make money for repair on church building. I had not been well for sometime, so after taking my bed, I have read God's Word and prayed that I might see the Light, and God, through His Holy Spirit, has revealed this to me, that the only way to finance His Church is found in God's blessed Word in 1 Corinthians 16:2. Also I find in John 2:13-16, His condemnation on other ways besides His way.

Paul said that he would eat no meat as long as the world stood if he made his brother stumble. I feel I have made some one to stumble over this, so I am writing this that all may know that with the help of God, I will never be guilty of helping with these things again. I want to leave a testimony for my loved ones, and friends on this matter. I also want to make a plea to my sisters and brothers in Christ, for them never to take part in these questionable things, such as suppers, selling tickets for quilts and numerous other things that Satan is trying to blind the eyes of Christians, and make them feel that it is all right.

May each and everyone of our membership search the scriptures, for Jesus said, "Ye think ye have eternal life for they are they that testify of me." I want my friends to know that man did not reveal this to me, but God through His Holy Spirit revealed this to me as I lay on my bed.

I am soon to go to the hospital, and I want the prayers of the Saints. If it is God's will for me to live, may His will be done, but as Paul said, "for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

If any feel that they would like

to write to me, I shall be very glad to hear from them.

Mrs. G. F. Pickren,
Colquit, Georgia,
Route 5

Toccoa Falls Institute, Ga.

Dear Readers:

For those who may be interested, I am writing to let you know that I am in school at Toccoa Falls Institute at Toccoa Falls, Georgia. As some of you know, the Lord called me into the ministry about nine months ago. Every minister will



Rev. Pegues

agree that it is the greatest privilege of any Christian's life. They will also agree that it is the greatest responsibility. I thank God that I accepted His summons, and I trust Him to help me bear the burden.

When God called me to preach His Word, He also called me to prepare myself for this work. I know this is to be true in almost every case, because very few are prepared when He calls them into a special field of labor for Him. I have been able to make a start in this preparation. It has been in answer to prayer that I am here. God, working through His children, made it possible for me to come to this school. When I was licensed to preach, Rev. J. R. Davidson suggested that the churches of the Central

Texas Quarterly Meeting make a contribution at their next session for the purpose of assisting me in my schooling. The churches as well as several individuals responded wonderfully. With this help I have entered school where I am able to work for about one-half of my expenses. I thank God for such true friends, and for the privilege of working for a part of my education.

How long will I be here? This I cannot tell, but I do know that so long as it is God's will He will make a way for me to become more efficient in His service. How do I know that I need to go to school? In answer to that, I will only give you God's word: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Beside this, when one is commissioned to carry such an important message as the Gospel of Christ, should not he be prepared?

May I ask you to pray for me? I'm sure you will. In the meantime I shall be praying and working also.

Yours in His service,

Aston D. Pegues,
Box 111, Toccoa Falls, Ga.

A Call to Arms

In the days of threatening and fighting for pre-eminence in every vocation of life, I take this method, as Field Secretary, to ask that you get your association to become a member of the State Association, which is to convene with Corinth Church, Iron City, Georgia, on November 14, 15, and 16.

We urge that you collect your fees as have been printed in the paper already. We do not make this appeal from a selfish point of view, but in these days of greed for more power, and so many things to draw our youth away from God and the church we do need to concentrate our efforts on God's work. As a solid unit we can be more effective in our drives to reach the unconverted, and to be better able to put over our church program. I mean every phase of it.

Therefore, may I appeal to you for a great church work. It has been handed to us by preachers and laymen who did their part well, and are gone on to see about the rewards of a well spent life. We want to count on you being true to the Faith of our Fathers, and also true to Christ.

We urge you to come with a mind to work for the best interest of the cause. Leave old bad self out and at home, and bring along with you the Holy Spirit to guide you. We need your counsel, prayers and financial support. Please come praying for a greater support, and a greater church program to further the cause of Christ.

Yours for a greater church,

S. T. Shutes, *Field Secy.*,
Colquit, Georgia

Report of Shiloh Revival

The revival at Shiloh Church began on Monday night after the third Sunday in September with Rev. Duff Toler doing the preaching. The song services and prayer services were at 7:30 which were led by some of the church members. Bro. Toler brought some very fine messages each evening. They were good food for our souls. There were 14 additions to the church; eleven for baptism, and one re-united, having been already a member, but had fallen away.

We trust that all these will become shining lights in our church, and for God. We are praying that this revival shall go on for years in the hearts of the people. We know that it pays to serve Jesus and to follow Him all the way. We are asking all who read this to pray for us that we may all grow more in the grace of our Lord daily than we have in the past.

The meeting closed on Sunday night, September 24, and we received the new members in the church, and had communion with them. We closed by singing the hymn, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again."

J. E. Foreman, *Clerk*

Faith and God's Healing Power

(Continued from page three)

when if they would live for God we could have salvation and health too. Health is worth more than silver and gold, and I would not turn back and live for the Devil for no amount of money.

While I was a cripple, I would cry and say I wondered why I had to suffer like that, I wasn't satisfied no place and nowhere. I thought all my pleasures were gone. When I sat down I would not move until I had to, because I was in so much pain. I even felt like I was in my mother's way at home, when I visited my friends, I had rather been at home for I felt like I was not welcome anywhere, because I could not walk, that was just my feeling though. I have cried and said I felt like all my friends were gone, but then I would think of Jesus, and of that passage of scripture that says *"Jesus Will Stand By Us Closer Than a Brother."* Thank God for all those promises that are promised to the children of God. I am claiming every one of them today, and I know that I will find a welcome place in Heaven some day.

The day I fully surrendered my life to Jesus, I was sewing and was tired, I got up and put a record on the Victrola the name of it was "River of Jordan," and the verse where it says, "I'm going to eat at the welcome table," I said, Lord that's the place I want to go so I gave my life to him." Let me beg everyone that reads this to give your life to Jesus if you have not already done so. Do not wait until your health is taken to give your life to him. He needs you today. We have hundreds of people that say they are living for Jesus, but I see that some profess one thing and live another. Let us say with Paul of old, "I have kept the faith", *if I can't go all the way, I won't go part*, and most of all, I don't want to deceive my friends, not in the least, and I know I can't deceive God.

If you believe in God, turn with me to Matthew 8:2-3; Luke 17:12-19; Matthew 9:9-28; Matthew 8:14-15; Luke 14:1, 4; Matthew 9:27-31; 20:30-34; Matthew 4:23-24; Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16-17 and read what it says about Christ healing people while he was here. This helped me through. Thank the Lord who has heard and answered my prayers. My faith was really tried while I was crippled every time I got better, it seemed I would relapse. No one knows what I went through with but Jesus and I. One night Jesus said, "If you don't give me your life, I am going to take your precious mother," I said, "Lord, Yes, take my life and make it what you would have it to be." I had gotten to where I could walk and the devil had made me lazy about praying, only prayed about twice a day, so that was what the devil wanted, but today my Christian life could not be bought at any price, don't differ just what. Friends let us pray, Oh, as never before.

About one and a half years ago there were such few people in our church interested in living for Jesus Christ, it would almost crush my heart. For about 12 years our Sunday School has been going, we have not missed a single service, winter nor summer, unless we were rained out, or on account of death. There has been a few faithful ones and at times a very, very few. I remember one year we elected six superintendents for our Sunday School and everytime one quit I would take their place and carry it on until we got another one. A short while after we began having our Sunday School only about fourteen or sixteen were there one Sunday p. m., and one girl said "Well, I don't see any need in trying to have Sunday School." Another one said, "Yes, the Bible says where two or three are gathered together in the name of the Lord, he will be in the midst. Then I spoke and said, "We will have Sunday School for if we disappoint these children today they may not come back next Sunday."

So from then on we have always had a good Sunday School. The devil did his best to tear it to pieces about three years ago, three or four of our oldest male members would wait till we gathered for Sunday School, then they would gather up all the boys they could get, old and young, and go out not far from the school house where we would have Sunday School, and gamble until after dark sometime. Oh! How I did pray, and we had about three others to pray. We began praying for these ring leaders in this gambling game, one was a gambler, a drunkard, and a curser. The other was a gambler and would curse, Oh! My! I asked God to remove that gambling mess, for if he didn't our Sunday School would soon be torn to pieces. God heard my prayer. Then I asked him to save Mr. Collins. He would meet me and talk and talk there was no hell and all such things. So I asked God to save this man and let me hear him say there was a place for the sinner to go and thank God he has answered my prayer. One day this same man said "Othella, I have something to tell you. I am a changed man and want to shake your hand for the prayers you have prayed in my behalf." He said, "The talks you have made in Sunday School and Leagues have made me what I am." I told him to give God the praise. I felt like shouting.

Then, Mr. Bitler, this other gambler was saved in a revival meeting here last July, conducted by the Rev. K. V. Shutes, this man would not go to prayer meeting, Sunday School, League or anything. I asked God to save him and he did. Then my mother's baby brother was a drunkard, and I asked God to change him and he did in this same revival last year. Thank God for sending Brother K. V. Shutes here to preach for us because that was the greatest revival we have ever had and praise the Lord the fire is still burning. Oh! God will answer prayer if we will only believe in him and have faith.

Then another great experience I

had in prayer was last year. Just four weeks before our revival meeting started in July, I lay down across my bed to rest one afternoon. While lying there, I had a vision. I dreamed that the Lord said, something is going to happen because your daddy will not go to church, and here is what it is. The chosen one of the family is going to die, and that's the baby, so everything was removed out of the girls room and a grey casket placed in one corner of the room. Then, I awoke, I was just so hurt, my heart was broken. I said, "Lord could it be possible in any way that my precious sister won't have to be taken because daddy is disobedient to God." I said, "Lord, I strive to live close to you every day of my life, go through the rain, heat and cold, to do your will, and Lord please don't make us suffer like that, change it into some other way." I said, "Lord give us one of the greatest revivals we have ever had, and let some person encourage daddy to go back to church." I had this dream on Wednesday before our revival started on Saturday, and on Tuesday morning, he went to town and a man said to him, "Well, we are having one of the best revivals we have ever had." So he came back home and told Mamma that he was going to church, and Oh! I felt like shouting, and that day he testified and said from then on he never expected to stay away from his church like that again. I said "Thank God, prayer can change anything."

Daddy had always gone to church until about seven or eight months before, and it broke my heart to see him stay away from his church. When time would come for him to go to church and he would not go, Oh! the tears would come in my eyes, and I would pray and ask Jesus to cause him to go back because, he used to never miss a service when we children were small. If mamma could not go Daddy and I would go, so you see, no wonder I was hurt. Thank God, for the Faith he has given me.

Program

Program of the Sunday School Convention to convene with Malachi's Chapel Church, beginning Sunday Morning, October 29, 1939.

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Calling the Convention to order by the President
- 10:05—Devotion and address of welcome by R. L. Spencer
- 10:20—Calling the list of Sunday Schools and report of delegates
- 11:00—Music selected
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. D. W. Alexander
- 12:00—Dinner

Sunday Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotion led by Rev. T. F. Davenport
- 1:25—Report of treasurer
- 1:35—Awarding of banners
- 2:00—Closing period and benediction

C. A. Voliva,
Alonza L. Reynolds,
Program Committee.

Program

Program of the Albemarle Union Meeting to convene with Malachi's Chapel Church, beginning Saturday Morning, October 28, 1939.

Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Devotion led by Rev. R. C. Alexander
- 10:20—Roll call of ministers
- 10:30—Reading minutes of previous meeting
- 10:40—Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Calling list of churches
- 11:00—Quartet by local church
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. W. L. Jernigan
- 12:00—Dinner

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotion led by Ed Armstrong
- 1:15—Report of committees
- 1:45—Treasurer's report

2:00—Invitation for next Union
—Adjournment

Evening Session

(The Albemarle League
Union Meets)

7:00—Program by local Church

7:30—Business period
—Adjournment

C. A. Voliva,
Alonza L. Reynolds
Program Committee

Orphanage Class Report

by Velva Daughtry

Sept. 10, to Sept. 17, 1939

White Oak Grove, Lenoir Co.	\$15.00
LaGrange, Lenoir County	15.17
Walnut Creek, Lenoir Co.	15.60
Dailey's Chapel, Lenoir Co.	15.00
Goldsboro, Wayne County	16.00
Stony Creek, Wayne County	15.70
Antioch, Wayne County	19.02
Antioch L. A. S., Wayne Co.	5.00
Pleasant Grove, Wayne Co.	40.00

TOTAL -----\$156.49

Sept. 18 to Sept. 24, 1939

Daniel's Chapel, Wilson Co.	\$22.67
Owen's Chapel, Wilson Co.	17.15
Saratoga, Wilson County	32.00
Howell's Swamp, Greene Co.	23.26
Spring Branch, Greene Co.	30.50
Aspin Grove, Wilson Co.	15.00
Otter's Creek, Edgecombe Co.	24.59

TOTAL -----\$165.17

A Joint Baptism

A joint baptism of four churches: Reedy Branch, Piny Grove, King's Cross Road and Saratoga was held by Rev. Chester Pelt, and Rev. Williams at Owen's Pond, which is located near Fountain, North Carolina, on Sunday, September 23, 1939.

The baptism took place at 3:30 P. M., and 36 candidates were baptized with a large crowd attending.

Charlie H. Little

St. Claire Bible Class
 Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Temptation of Jesus

(Lesson for October 15)

Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11. Read Matthew 4.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"* (Hebrews 4:15).

Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchinson tells us about a boy whom he knew who had lost his right hand. He felt so badly about it that he did not want to see anyone. His father said, "I'm going to bring the minister in to see you." The boy said, "I don't want to see him." But the father brought him in. When the boy looked up he saw that the minister had no right arm; there was an empty sleeve. He came over to the boy and said, "I haven't any hand, either. I lost mine when I was a boy, and I know how it feels." It wasn't hard for the boy to get acquainted with the minister who "knew how it felt." So Christ has suffered for us and knows our temptations.—*From Tarbell's Teachers' Guide.*

Often bridges are tested before being opened to traffic. The heavier the load used in testing, the greater the assurance given as the bridge is used for lighter loads. If testing proved that a bridge could carry a hundred-ton load, how foolish for a pedestrian to worry as to whether it would hold him! Jesus, in direct combat with Satan, the arch-enemy of God and human souls, was severely tempted. Every surrounding circumstance was unfavorable to victory. Everything possible to supernatural evil was hurled at Him. The test was the most severe possible in physical, mental and spiritual realms. Being in the center of God's will brought such test-

ing, also wondrous victory. God permitted all to give assurance that Christ can carry Christians through every test in life (Hebrews 2:18).—*W. M.*

I. Lesson High Points

1. The temptation of Jesus was not accidental; for the Spirit led Him to the place of testing. On the part of Satan, the temptation was, indeed a very earnest attempt to cause Christ to sin, but on the part of God, it was designed to show our Lord's power over every opposition—over Satan himself.

2. Three particular temptations are mentioned. The first deals with the physical needs of the body (Matthew 4:3, 4). The tempter suggested that He should make bread out of stone and eat. He was hungry, and it would have been no sin to eat. Under normal circumstances it would have been perfectly natural and legitimate, both to make bread and to eat. But two things in the temptation serve to make it wrong under the present circumstances: (1)—*The suggestion came from the wrong source—to make bread would have meant to obey the devil.* Some things may be right in themselves, but they are suggested from the wrong source and are bound to have evil consequences. (2) *Even the attempt to make bread would have called Christ's Deity in question.* The tempter had said: "If thou be the Son of God." The Lord needed no such miracle to convince Himself of the fact of His unique relationship to God (3:17). He was content to accept the witness of the Father, without any other visible proof.

3. The second temptation dealt with His acceptance as Messiah by the Jews. The devil set Him on a pinnacle of the Temple and bade Him to cast Himself down (Matthew 4:5, 6). There was a Jewish tradition that the Messiah would come in some such way. This belief was possibly based on the prophecy of Malachi: "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His Temple" (Malachi 3:1).

If He had cast Himself down and God had saved Him from death, and crowds below would immediately have acclaimed Him to be their king. He knew the fickleness of such popularity (John 6:15).—*J. C. T.*

4. The third temptation was an astounding example of mock magnanimity coupled with colossal nerve, and serpentine craftiness. "The god of this world" was willing to surrender his dominions (who besides God could relinquish so much!) to Christ as vassal. In other words, Christ was to be premier to Satan the King. The price to be paid for so high a position proved the devil the sharpest bargain hunter the universe has ever known. For if the Son of Man, by worship, yielded first place to Satan, then the Son of God automatically resigned, and horror of horrors, Satan would stand in His place, promoted to the Godhead!

Christ was, indeed, to have the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the world for His possession (Psalm 2:8), as a second Adam, He was to fulfill the purpose of God deferred by Adam's fall. But not by submission to this monster of iniquity could this glorious end be achieved, but by prayer to His Father. "Ask of Me!" (vs. 8).—*R. K. G.*

II. Home Work

1. What are the three fundamental appeals in all temptations? (1 John 2:16; Genesis 3:1-5; Luke 4:3-10).

2. From what source do many of our temptations come? (James 1:14, 15).

3. What is our consolation and assurance in time of severe temptation? (1 Corinthians 10:13).

4. On whom can we depend to deliver us from the snares of the tempter? (2 Peter 2:9).

5. Should we ever intentionally expose ourselves to temptation in order to see how strong we are? (Mark 9:43-48).

6. Read Genesis 3 this week. Study all the lesson material in our quarterlies carefully, and continue to pray and advertise our new adult quarterly which is scheduled to appear at the beginning of 1940.

Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

LaGrange Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of LaGrange Church met at the home of Mrs. Sudie Wiggs on September 10. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Nora Rhodes. The song used was "Work for the Night Is Coming." Then Mrs. Latham offered prayer. The lesson topic in our Year Book was used. Mrs. Nannie H. Aldridge read a poem which was very appropriate.

We were very glad to welcome our visitor, Mrs. Clara Latham, who gave us an interesting talk on Christian work.

The business was entered into. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the secretary called the roll, and each member answered with a Bible verse. There were twelve members present with a collection of \$2.60. This meeting ending our year, we proceeded to elect officers. Mrs. Carrie Aldridge, president; Mrs. Sudie Wiggins, vice-president; Mrs. Nannie H. Aldridge, recording secretary; Mrs. Nora Rhodes, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mattie Holland, treasurer; and Mrs. Nannie Herring, corresponding secretary.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: 20 sick visits made; 6 quarts of milk given away; 4 bouquets of flowers taken to the sick; 2 trays sent to the sick; one daily Bible reader; and 146 chapters read in the Bible.

The meeting came to a close with Mrs. Mat Caudell, pronouncing the

benediction. We will meet again on October 7 at the home of Mrs. John Sasser.

Mrs. Nora Rhodes, *Pres.*,

Mrs. Carrie Aldridge,

Corresponding Secretary

Yearly Report of Sherron Acre Missionary Society

During the past year the following activities have been entered into by the society: 759 sick visits made; 83 trays given to the needy; 35 flowers sent; 51 funeral designs given to the deceased; 29 cards sent; \$177.30 given to the needy; 2830 chapters read in the Bible; 30 gallons of milk given away; 60 religious services were conducted; 9 Bibles given away; 38 soul winning efforts made.

Upon entering into a new year, we elected and re-elected the new officers for the coming year as follows: Mrs. C. E. Ladd, president; Mrs. M. B. Rogers, third vice-president; Mrs. C. C. Lynn, fourth vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Bennett, fifth vice-president; Mrs. J. S. Price, recording secretary; Mrs. C. B. Hansley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. I. L. Thomas, *treasurer*.

Mrs. C. B. Hansley, *Cor.-Secy.*

A WORD FOR THE BAPTIST

I like to read the Baptist paper very much, and have asked our Aid members to subscribe for it. They, too, would get much joy out of reading it. I hope to get more subscribers soon.—Mrs. Mellie Johnson

Remember, the finest fruit earth holds up to its Maker is a man." To ripen, lift, and educate a man is the first duty. Trade, law, learning, science, and religion are only the scaffolding wherewith to build a man.—Wendell Phillips.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

TAYLOR. On Wednesday August 23, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. India Taylor and took away her daughter, Hazel Kathleen.

She was born February 24, 1920 and died August 23, 1939, making her stay on earth 19 years, 5 months and 27 days. She united with the Smith's New Home Church in 1934 and was a faithful member until death. She always took an active part in the church and Sunday School.

She leaves to mourn their loss her mother, three brothers and one sister, along with a host of relatives and friends.

The home is sad and lonely,

And there's the vacant chair;

But Jesus knew best for her,

And He called her home up there.

Written by,

Ruth Blizzard, and

Florence Howard,

Deep Run, N. C.

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LIVERMAN. On July 25, 1939 God in his great wisdom called the soul of Mrs. Chesteane Liverman. She was born February 14, 1861, making her stay on earth 78 years.

She was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church for 63 years. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. The place is vacant and we miss her, but we bow in humble submission to His will.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of her son, John A. Sawyer, by Rev. James A. Evans, Kenly, N. C. Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery. She leaves four sons, Madison, John A. and Charlie Sawyer, and Comilious Liverman and a host of friends.

Mother, you have passed away,

And we miss you every day;

Yet all you hold in your cold hand

Is what you have given away.

Written by the F. W. B. Ladies Aid
Corresponding Secretary,

Mrs. J. A. Sawyer

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CAHOON. On August the 5th, 1939, the death angel visited the home of Bruce Cahoon and took from him his loving wife, Ollie Cahoon. She was born August the 1st, 1891, making her stay on earth 48 years. She united with the Free Will Baptist Church when she was a girl, and remained a constant member until her death.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband and seven children, Ira, Ray, Winston, Archie Lee, Robert and Miss Opal Cahoon, all of Kilkenny, North Carolina, and Mrs. Ardie Winstead and one granddaughter, Joyce, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; one sister, Mrs. Cecil Godwin of Gum Neck; five half-brothers and half sisters, Henry Cahoon, Elwood Meekins and Thelma Meekins of Gum Neck, Henry Meekins of Elizabethtown City, Mrs. Annie Basnight of Manteo.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton, North Carolina. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a mound of flowers.

Dearest sister thou hast left us,

We are here to weep alone;

But we hope some day to meet you

Where no sorrow will be known.

Written by her cousin and sister,

Kizzie Sawyer

Mrs. Cecil Godwin

Latest News Concerning Rev. S. H. Styron's Condition

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am sending this notice to let the friends of Rev. S. H. Styron know that so far the condition of his throat seems unchanged. The doctors say that he will have to have this treatment several days before they can tell whether it is improving or not.

I am sure most people know before now his trouble, and I am asking everybody to pray on. He realizes you are praying for him, and requests you to remember him as often as possible. He seems very despondent and wants to be home.

He asked me to please thank the people who made the offering possible at the State Association at Little Creek Church. He said that he knew that many helped, and he was thanking you through the paper. Especially thank his friends who have been so thoughtful of him and his family through this dark hour.

The ministers who have shown their loyalty and co-operation in offering to help carry on his work while he is unable to do it, he wishes to thank them. There is a number of them who have gone over the top in their willingness to help

him. He also appreciates the checks which people have sent. Ladies Aids, churches and Sunday classes, also personal checks. It takes a lot of money at Johns Hopkins Hospital before he is well. You can imagine that all that you do for him will be long remembered.

He is receiving much mail from his good friends, but those who have not written, he is calling you out, so please send him a card. He looks forward to the mail. If I can see any change I will advise you at once.

Ever requesting your prayers and your interest, I am

Yours very respectfully,

Mrs. S. H. Styron

Program

Program of the Fifty-third Session of the Western Association of the Free Will Baptist Church to be held at Marsh Swamp Church, October 11 and 12, 1939.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions—Rev. W. E. Anderson
- 9:45—Remarks by Moderator
- 10:00—Enrollment of Ministers
- 10:30—Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Report of Evangelistic Committees—Mrs. C. F. Bowen
- 11:00—Devotions—Rev. W. R. Williams
- 11:20—Sermon—Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotions—Rev. E. C. Morris
- 1:30—Seating of visiting ministers
- 1:35—Report of Ordaining Council
- 1:50—Business Period
- 2:30—Report of Ministerial Character Committee
- 2:45—Report of Princeton Church Committee
- 3:00—Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening

- 7:30—Devotions—Rev. C. F. Bowen

8:00—Rev. J. B. Ferrell

Thursday Morning

9:00—Devotions—Rev. B. B. Richardson

9:15—Business Period

10:15—Ordination Service

10:45—Temperance Report

11:00—Educational Report

11:15—Devotions—Rev. W. V. Brown

11:30—Sermon—Rev. W. K. Jordan

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

1:15—Devotions—Rev. E. G. Holland

1:30—Business Period

2:15—Report of other Committees and Boards

3:00—Report of Treasurer

3:15—Election of Officers and Appointment of Delegates

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Program Committee

Old-Fashioned Loom*By Sherman H. Oakes,*

The old-fashioned loom
It speaks of long ago
How the early settlers did
Of progress that was slow.

How patient and toiling they
were
How they carded and spun
And despite their hardships
Their life was full of fun.

They were pioneers you know
Laying a foundation for us
They had inward vision
They built for the future—
thus.

They were trail blazers,
Struggled, suffered, and died.
They did their best for us,
In fact, they really tried.

The old loom is idle
In the museum—put aside.
The old pioneers are gone,
Their influence here to stay.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

As I sit by my window,
And gaze far away;
Again the sun is setting,
'Tis the end of the day.

'Tis by faith we live,
We know not what the morrow
brings;
A faith that will keep us

And, Oh, when it's sounded,
From far across the foam;
How glad I'll be
Never more to roam.

Written by Mary Gordon,
Bardstown, Texas

SOME OF THESE DAYS

Some of these days I'll meet you up there,
Up there in heaven so bright and fair.

'Tis there I'll love you with an undying
love,
'Tis there you'll love me in that sweet
home above.

I'll always be near you, we'll never say
good-by,
Everyone will be happy, no tear will dim
the eye.

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Itinerary for Fall**

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Tues., Oct. 10	Winterville	Pitt
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Sun., Oct. 29	Moseley's Creek	Craven

Camp Meeting*By Sherman H. Oakes*

The Old Camp meeting
A wonderful thing
Their shouting and praising
Made the heart and soul ring.

Sinners kneeling at the altar
Upon the ground
Receiving the Holy Ghost
Upward they did bound.

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Up and down the aisles
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Ps. 122; 31:6, 18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

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To him doth endure.

Thy truth shall be my nourishment
My life and daily food,
A living work within my soul
And not a talk or mood;
A wisdom active in the mind.
A victor over sin,
A comforter to keep my heart
And give me peace within.

The way with me I do not see,
But 'twill prove greater than my heart;
So patiently I rest in Thee
Till Thou reveal the hidden part.
Our hopes and prayers, will it surpass
The part we trust and cannot see;
The mystery shall be revealed
When we at last are Home with Thee.

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Dear Editor:

I am asking for a short space in
the Baptist paper, which I love so
much for the many good articles it
carries, and which I enjoy reading
each week. It is so much comfort
and consolation to me, as I suffer
so much in my body and heart. I
am sure that there are many others
who are suffering that enjoy read-
ing the good spiritual messages

which it carries from time to time.
Also I think of so many others who
are on their beds of afflictions and
cannot go to church, but can read
the paper, and can get great bless-
ings from the messages in it.

Dear readers, it seems that the
time has come when there seems to
be so few real Christians. It seems
that there are very few these days
that will go to see the sick, and read
God's word and have prayer with
them, then sing some good old songs.
I really know the feeling of it, be-
cause I have suffered so much for
the past five years. I have had two
serious operations in the last five
years, and still I suffer very much
with kidney trouble. I have to go
on a diet. My doctors tell me that
I have ulcers of the stomach, and I
suffer greatly with it. Also I have
a head trouble which the doctor is
treating.

I have been praying, but some
how I have not been relieved. I am
still trusting God, for I know He is
able to raise me up. I often think
that some day all of this suffering
will be over and I can rest in Jesus.
I read of Job, how he suffered and
how patient he was with his afflic-
tions. But God was with him. I
can write and tell you much of my
condition, but what I want is your
prayers. I want all of the dear
brethren and sisters who read this
to pray for me that God's will may
be done for me. Pray that my poor
suffering body may be relieved. If
it is His will I want His grace to
bear me up under my afflictions.

Please remember me and my fam-
ily in your prayers.

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R. C. WIGGS, North Zulch, Texas

Today the attention of the Educator, Athletics, sports of all kind, Musicians, Brewers, Wine Manufacturers, Liquor Distillers, Road Houses, Honky-Tonk so called in Texas, and many other places of amusements are after the youth of our country. The battle is on, and all the above mentioned are out to win.

The educator, is out to win by educating the youth the moral and right way of living by teaching them: atheism, fascism, communism, and anti-Godism, and what have you in our higher educational institutions. The minds of our young people are being filled with these "damnable heresies." Denying the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the new birth by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. Teaching them into religion.

The musicians, are training the youth in their unique way to play to the tune of the "Devil." Playing for the dance, road houses, Sunday baseball, Sunday shows, Sunday horse races, and rodeos. "Youth is on parade." But where are they going?

Staggering figures about youth. Between 1918 and 1936, 36,000,000 young people reached the age of 18.

These 36,000,000 young people came from 30,000,000 families in the United States.

The brewers want these 36,000,000 young people as recruits for the beer habit, luring them with "smart appeal."

The wine manufacturers want these 36,000,000 young people to be "wine-conscious."

The liquor distillers want these 36,000,000 young people to know "the smooth swallow."

The brakes are off and every inducement to drink is at hand. Quoting from an advertisement from a Houston paper, "We sold nearly 1,000,000 worth of liquor in Houston. Thanks, Folks! We appreci-

ate the reception you gave us on the opening of our new store and "Again we thank you with bargains" Every Bottle Sold on Money Back Guarantee. Cracker's Jack and Jill Liquor Stores." The flashing neon lights and bill boards portraying, "Drink El-Bart 90.2 Gin, Scotch, now ice cold Beer all popular brands, Budweiser, Schlitz, Pabst." Pictures in our daily news papers and magazines showing white headed Mothers and Fathers in their living room drinking a popular brand of beer or liquor.



Rev. Wiggs

Men, women, boys and girls at the beer counters drinking and smoking to their fleshly content. Sign boards show a beautiful, healthy, fair, young girl with a Chesterfield between her fingers, and a bottle of beer on the table. Beer and liquor advertised and used for socials, parties, and dances, from the Capital on down. Advertised by so called high society folk, such as this bunch in Hollywood, and not only in this one place but it is spreading, advertised by liquor drinking, card playing, and people that marry today and tomorrow gone to the divorce

courts. Startling isn't it? Where are we putting our money?

The manufacturers and retailers fail to advertise the results of this damnable rotten stuff. "Be not deceived." The News paper advertisement said, "Every bottle sold on money back guarantee," but failed to say on what grounds. It is guaranteed to rob the virtue of our youth, break up homes, causes divorces, damns lives, kills the body, carries the soul to a devil's hell, robs children of a home and a mother's love.

Mothers and fathers are enthusiastically running to and fro in the whirl of drinking, smoking, dancing, gambling, divorcing, committing adultery, and trial marriages. With respect to our laws, they are too lenient regarding the law on divorces.

In youth, the soul is more pliant, plastic and easily influenced. That is why the world is after the Youth. Easily influenced to get on the liquor and beer wagon and ride until they no longer have virtue, character or money.

Preachers, Deacons, "Christians, "Youth is on Parade." What is our part in this battle? I will answer. Our battle is to win the Youth to Christ. But you ask how? By prayer, work, planning, money, and METHODS.

Preach the Word in its fullness and simplicity. Refuse to compromise with the world. Live the Gospel. Preachers live with your youth; use tact, spend some time planning for the youth of your church. Preachers get together, plan together, pray together, refuse to be a jealous pastor or preacher. Forget Churchianity. Lets get some where alone, or group ourselves together as born again men and women and get sin and doubt out of the way, then God will give us wisdom,

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EDITORIAL

"Read the Baptist Campaign"

We are writing this editorial to call the attention of the readers of the Baptist to the campaign which the Leaguers of North Carolina are launching in their respective churches and communities to get new and renewal subscriptions for the Baptist paper. Furthermore, we are taking this opportunity to say to the Leaguers of the various churches in the State that we are highly appreciative of your purpose and willingness to launch a campaign this fall for our church paper. It is very commendable in you to be interested and willing to enter into this campaign to secure a fine list of subscriptions for the paper. We are, moreover, wishing for you the greatest success possible in this church and community drive for subscriptions.

In addition to thanking the Leaguers now for their noble purpose, we are requesting each minister in the State to boost this "READ THE BAPTIST CAMPAIGN" in his churches, and to encourage his members to subscribe for the Baptist. We are in earnest and do insist upon each preacher to use his influence with the Leaguers in this drive. They will greatly appreciate your co-operation with them in this matter. The results will be for the good of the church and all who will take the Baptist paper and read it from week to week. Also, we are asking all the Sunday School superintendents and teachers to join in with the Leaguers, and help them to secure large numbers of subscriptions among your Sunday School people. They should have their church paper coming to their homes each week that they might read it, and keep up with what the different churches are doing in this and in other states. The Baptist should be

of great value to all Sunday School leaders and church people.

We would not overlook the fact that the Ladies Aid members are fine boosters of the Baptist the year round, and we are here urging them to assist in every way possible to help the Leaguers in this subscription drive for new subscriptions. We are greatly appreciative of everything these members have done in the past for our church paper, and we are expecting them to offer their help and to co-operate with the Leaguers in getting every subscription possible in this drive.

May we note just here that in our last fall's campaign for the Baptist we secured something over nine hundred subscriptions. That, we thought, was a fine accomplishment in a few weeks' time. So, let us hope that the Leaguers will exceed that amount this fall by greater numbers in their "READ THE BAPTIST CAMPAIGN." We believe they will if the ministers, Sunday School officers and Ladies Aid members in the various churches over the State will boost the campaign, and assist these young people to do this job well. We shall be looking with much interest and great expectations to see the lists of subscriptions coming into the office from the different Leagues and Sunday Schools in the State in a few days.

News Notes from Western North Carolina

L. E. Ballard

Women's Auxiliary Convention—Delegates from the various L. A. S. and Missionary Societies of the French Broad Association are to meet on the second Sunday in October at Horney Heights Church for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary Convention. A commit-

tee consisting of Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and Mrs. Edna Ballard have been arranging the meeting since the recent session of the association. A preliminary meeting was held recently at Swananoa Church at which time Horney Heights was selected as the convention church.

Revivals. The revival reported in these columns last issue at the Asheville church closed Sunday night, and Rev. Linzie Howell, pastor, reports that there were 25 professions, with 18 joining the church, and six or eight more prospects. The attendance at Sunday School has doubled since Brother Howell entered upon his work with the Asheville Church, September 1st. Brother Howell is known as a great booster of S. S. Work. At Ray's Chapel (Dula Springs) Revs. A. L. Davis and Joe Banks report revival proceeding successfully, while from the Jupiter Church comes news that Rev. Jesse Laws, pastor, started a revival meeting last Sunday night. We have been promised a full report at the close of the meeting Brother Ira Bradley reports that the Union Valley Church will start a revival the First Sunday in October, with the pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie, being assisted by Rev. Ernest Bartlett, a Missionary Baptist minister. This church will be host on the third Sunday in October to a memorial reunion in honor of Rev. J. H. Ballard, deceased, for over forty years the beloved pastor of the church. Relatives and friends of the beloved minister from all parts of the country are expected to come to Weaver-ville for this memorial reunion, and church "home coming." Speakers for the day include Rev. B. E. Guthrie, and Rev. L. E. Ballard, who will deliver the memorial address. This memorial service will climax the revival, which is scheduled to close with the evening service that day. A number of professions have been reported at the tent revival under the canvas of the Ballard-Bugg Party, now located at the Murray School in Asheville. The campaign is being sponsored by the Asheville Gospel Mission Union, under di-

rection of Dr. D. S. Pace. The services are scheduled to close Sunday night, October 1st.

News notes for this column should be addressed to L. E. Ballard, 285 Riverview Drive, West Asheville, N. C. Phone Asheville 2407.

Program for North Carolina Central Conference

The North Carolina Central Conference of Free Will Baptists will convene with Black Jack church in Pitt Co. November 8, 9, and 10, 1939.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional service, Rev. D. W. Alexander, Bethel, N. C.
- 9:45—Welcome Address by Pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
- Response by Rev. C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.
- 10:00—Conference called to order by Moderator
- Enrollment of Delegates and Ministers.
- 10:10—Business period
- Appointment of committees
- Completion of the Organization
- 10:30—Moderator's message
- 10:45—Quartet by M. E. Tyson, R. P. Harris, Mrs. Chester Pelt and Mrs. J. C. Moye
- 11:00—Conference sermon by Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.
- 11:45—Special music arranged by Mrs. J. C. Moye
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional service, Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.
- 1:45—Resumption of business.
- 2:30—Special music arranged by Mrs. Chester Pelt
- 2:45—"Catching the Missionary Spirit" an address by Rev. Chester Pelt
- 3:15—Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

- 7:15—Devotional service, Rev. N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.
- 7:45—Sermon by W. L. Jernigan, Subject "Christian Responsibility"

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional service, Rev. J. H. Edwards, Mount Olive, N. C.
- 9:45—Special music arranged by R. P. Harris
- Talk in the interest of the Baptist by R. B. Spencer
- 10:00—Business period
- 11:00—Congregational singing led by Rev. Chester Pelt.
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. M. E. Tyson
- Offering for Orphanage
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional service, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Kinston, N. C.
- 1:45—Special music arranged by Mrs. J. C. Moye
- 2:00—Business period
- Report of Committees and Boards. (Ordaining Council, Educational Board, Ministerial Character, General Mission, Superannuation, Resolutions, etc.)
- 2:45—Congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris.
- 2:50—Educational Address, "The Challenge of Youth" by Rev. Clarence Bowen.
- 3:30—Adjournment

Thursday Evening

- 7:15—Devotional service, Rev. C. H. Denton, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- 7:45—Sermon by Rev. M. A. Woodard, Subject "Family Consecration."

Friday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional service, Rev. E.

L. Abrams

- 9:45—Special Music arranged by D. A. Windham
- 10:00—Business period
- 11:00—Congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris
- 11:05—Sermon by Rev. C. J. Harris "A Doctrinal Sermon"
- 12:00—Lunch

Friday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional Service, Rev. Marshall Joyner
- 1:45—Business period
- 3:00—Adjournment
- (Approved by the committee)
- Rev. W. A. Dail,
- Rev. R. P. Harris,
- Rev. C. J. Harris

Home-Coming

Dear Editor:

Please announce through the columns of the Baptist that there will be a Home-Coming Day at Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, October 22, 1939. All former pastors, friends and members are cordially invited to attend. A special program will be rendered, and dinner will be served.

All former pastors or anyone who would serve on the program, please let me know at once.

Yours for Service,
Mrs. Fannie T. Taylor

No Word from Rev. Styron

No news has been received from Rev. S. H. Styron this week. We particularly announce this because of the great interest the many readers of the *Baptist* have shown in their desire to keep informed of Bro. Styron's unfortunate illness.

A Word from Eld. Phillips

Reports come from Elder Phillips that his condition is about the same as usual, being confined to his bed at the present time. He requests the prayers of all his friends, and all prayerful people.—*Editor.*

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Progress of Our Educational Program

By J. R. DAVIDSON, *Chairman of Board*, BRYAN, TEXAS

First, I shall tell you something of my visit to the Missouri State Association in interest of our educational program. I left Bryan at 2 A. M. September 25 en route to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I was met by our beloved Brother, Melvin Bingham, pastor of the First Church of Tulsa. He took me to his good home, where he and his good wife had arranged refreshments of all kinds needed for a tired body, then I was invited over to the church where a congregation of people were gathering. After a period of getting acquainted, a worshipful service was opened by the choir director, Reverend Dalton. A spiritual refreshing was enjoyed by a fine congregation in a devotional of songs, prayers and testimonies. At this time I was introduced to the congregation, by Brother Bingham, as the speaker of the hour, and, after the refreshing in the devotional service which came to me, it was easy to speak with liberty; hence the Lord gave us a wonderful service. After the message Brother Bingham commented on the nature of our educational work, so before my final leave some cash and good pledges were turned in for the work.

Early Tuesday A. M., after a nice breakfast had been served by Sister Bingham, we got on our way to Saint Joseph, Missouri, and arrived at the place of the State Assembly at 3 in the afternoon. The Young People's portion of the program was in progress when we arrived, under the direction of Rev. Winset. Soon our arrival was announced and a cordial welcome was extended, with request for greetings and suggestions from us. Our being filled with both, we gladly responded, and by this time we were fully conscious of the fact that we were just a part of another wonderful group of Christian-hearted, True-blue Free Will Baptists.

The high peak in Tuesday night's program was the Associational message by Rev. J. B. Rollins of Monett, Mo., who is editor of our Free Will Baptist Gem. In his message Bro. Rollins brought out many startling facts concerning achievements which have been wrought by the Free Will Baptist Church, and pointed out the urgency of the future in filling the place whereunto the Lord has appointed.

Wednesday morning was taken up in getting the organization perfected, which was climaxed with another inspiring message by Rev. Sister Lizzie McAdams, who based her message on the statement in Revelation 1:10 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." The message was a wonderful appeal for a deepening of the spiritual life.

After the Mid-day bountiful spread of material blessings the body was called to order and following a few necessary items of business Reverend Bingham was introduced as the speaker of the afternoon, and brought a wonderful message, in which he made the needed appeal for our educational program to be given proper consideration. Following his message the moderator, Rev. James Miller, called upon me, as chairman of the board, to present our cause. This I was very glad to do, in as much as Brother Bingham had prepared the way with his message. Much interest was in evidence as the work, and its needs, were presented, and I can safely say that not one discordant note was sounded, but a spirit of enthusiasm prevailed. As a result of our visit we were given above \$130.00 in cash through an offering, and a number of substantial pledges were given, besides the verbal pledges of the leaders that our educational program would be given special consideration on the field when they returned home.

For the Wednesday night service, the last in which we were privileged to fellowship, the liberalities of our Missouri brethren brought me before a large congregation to bring a message on Consolation. The

message seemed to be received with a Christian spirit, even though some of the applications were rather close; even to the point of involving the pocket-book. Some of those Missourians go all the way with the Lord.

After a few hours rest Wednesday night and a nice warm breakfast Thursday morning, we were on our way home. We arrived at Tulsa again about 5 in the P. M., and after a good bath and splendid supper we were again invited over to the church where the brethren were meeting for a fellowship service. The service was of a very interesting nature, and my suggestion is that all church leaders write to Brother Bingham and ask for details concerning this "Brotherhood Work."

All thanks and power to those Free Will Baptists of the states of Oklahoma and Missouri, who are responsible for the success which came to our work in my visit there. I am expecting to visit Oklahoma again within a few days, and fellowship with them in their State Association.

At this writing I wish to give the cash status of our educational program as concerns the states of Missouri and Oklahoma:

Missouri

By Rev. F. C. Zin	\$ 3.00
Offering at Mo. State Assn., by Rev. Winford Davis, Treas.	121.00
By Rev. J. B. Rollins for F. W. B. Gem, in offering	5.00
By Mrs. Mary (A. P.) House, in offering	5.00
By Mrs. Wm. Newcomes, pledged in offering, mailed later	5.00
Rev. John H. Wolf, Pawnee City, Neb., on pledge made during offering	6.00
Total	\$145.00

Oklahoma

By W. S. Gardner, Springer	\$ 5.00
By unknown party, Ardmore	5.00

By Rev. Melvin Bingham, collected as member of board -----	20.00
By Rev. Melvin Bingham, on pledge made at National Assn. -----	1.00
By Rev. Melvin Bingham, for Drumright Church -----	2.00
By L. E. Truley, Tulsa, on pledge -----	1.00
Total -----	\$ 34.00

I have several substantial pledges from members of the Tulsa church, and you may expect to hear from Oklahoma again soon.

I wish also to report \$105.54 which was turned over to me by Rev. Self Jones, who was Treasurer of the educational fund for the Western General Association. This was credited to Missouri State in a former report through an error, we regret very much.

May I now appeal to the leadership of our church at large for response at once. Accept my thanks for your co-operation so far, but remember as things are now we only have a nice beginning. Brethren, if you could only hear the appeal of many of our young people, who are asking if it will be possible for the school to open in time for them to enter when they are through with their high school work, I believe you would respond as never before, and that at once. Will you please pray about it now, and send in your response at once? If you have been impressed to give, now is the time to do it, for your response will inspire others to give.

Notice of Change of Address

This is to inform my friends that we have moved from Pamplico, S. C. to Florence, S. C., Route 2. All persons desiring to write to us are directed to address their mail to the latter named town, Route 2.

Rev. Rufus Hyman

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Rev. J. H. Worley Celebrates Birthday

Friday evening, September 1st, the annual birthday supper for Rev. J. H. Worley was held on the grounds of the Selma Free Will Baptist church. The occasion marked his 87th birthday anniversary. The president of the Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. C. L. Crumpler, gave the welcome to the largest crowd yet to attend the celebration. Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level made the response. Rev. J. H. Worley gave the invocation and a group of young girls gathered around him singing "Happy Birthday." A beautiful angel food cake decorated in pastel colors on which the words, "Happy Birthday, 87" was embossed, centered the long table. In addition to the bountiful supper a grandson of the honoree, Carl Worley, furnished bottled drinks for the whole crowd. After the supper was over a very interesting program was given in the church by the F. W. B. League of Pine Level, under the direction of Mrs. S. H. Styron.

Special mention should be made of the poem, incorporating the names of the books of the Bible, given by Miss Hazel Denning of Pine Level. Rev. Mr. Worley was presented a shower of gifts.

A short period was given for informal talks. Rev. D. M. Clemmons, pastor of the Selma Missionary Baptist church; Rev. O. L. Hathaway, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church, whose birthday also fell on September 1st; Mr. Walter Williams of Rains' Cross Roads all made short talks expressing appreciation for the consecrated life and services of Mr. Worley.

Mr. Worley's response was touching, expressing his heartfelt thanks.

The program was closed by Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level who read the following beautiful lines which were penned by himself:

In eighteen hundred fifty-two
God gave to the world a little boy,
No one knew then what he would do

He was his parents' pride and joy.

He increased in wisdom and stature too

And in favor with God and man.

God said to him, "Go preach my word

For I know you really can."

Also when he became a man

He took a wife, her name was Anne,

So Brother Worley and his wife

Lived happily together the rest of her life.

God gave to them two little boys

They were so sweet when they were small,

One of them was David

And the other one was Paul.

Now they have left this world of sin

And gone to that world above;

We trust they're with the angels now

And with the God of Peace and Love.

For sixty years and even more

He served his Master very well.

The truth to other people bore

The story of the Christ did tell.

And we expect to celebrate

His birthday in each passing year,

And celebrate and celebrate

As long as God shall keep him here.

—Contributed.

An Announcement by the Orphanage Board

The Trustees of the Orphanage in regular session October 5, 1939 authorized the Superintendent to launch the Orphanage campaign asking for the amount of fifty cents per member. They appeal to both Pastors and Laymen to launch a campaign in their local church at the earliest possible date.

W. A. Jackson, *Chairman,*

Levi Hill,

H. C. Wood,

J. C. Moye,

Dr. M. Hinnant, *Trustees*

Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

Report of South East Ala. Auxiliary Convention

The South East Alabama District Convention of the Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met with Howard's Grove Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September with Mrs. S. M. Womack, Vice-President presiding. After the convention had sung several songs, Mrs. J. A. Register brought an inspiring message on the subject of tithing from the third chapter of Malachi. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Register. The importance of tithing was further stressed by a talk by Mrs. S. M. Womack. Then the congregation sang a song, "Bringing in the Sheaves." The welcome address was made by Miss Lillian Womack. The response was delivered by Mrs. J. A. Register.

A program by Howard's Grove was rendered. A reading was given by Mrs. Sarah Nell Pines. Other readings were given by Miss Lois Miller, Miss Ollie Parsons, Mrs. S. M. Womack. Then Rev. G. W. Nobles spoke on the subject: "What the Ladies Aid Means."

After a bountiful lunch the body re-assembled with Mrs. Womack presiding. After a song, "The F. W. B. Missionary Situation" was discussed by Mrs. D. W. Poole. Entering upon the business session Mrs. J. A. Register read letters from the various societies. Mrs. Mae McCallister's resignation as president of the convention was read and accepted. On the committees were Misses B. F. Keel of Spring Field, Thelma Snell of Howard's Grove, and Neila Hall of Pleasant Ridge. The corresponding secretary was authorized to order twelve hand books to be distributed to New Ladies Aid Societies, and the same to be paid for from the general treasury.

The next in order was the election

of officers as follows: Mrs. S. M. Womack, President, Cottonwood, Ala.; Mrs. J. A. Register, Vice-President, Ashford, Ala.; Mrs. L. Harmick, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Ashford, Ala.; Mrs. D. W. Poole, Corresponding Secretary, Campbellton, Fla.

The finances paid in are as follows: Howard's Grove, One dollar; Spring Field, One dollar; Pleasant Ridge, \$1.30; and public collection, \$1.28. A vote of thanks was given to Howard's Grove for their kind hospitality of entertaining the convention. The invitation to convene with Spring Field Church was accepted, which will be on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1940. The convention then closed by singing hymn, "God Be with You." The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. S. M. Womack.

Mrs. D. W. Poole, *Cor.-Secy.*

Program

The following is the program of the Georgia State Women's Auxiliary Convention which convenes with Corinth Church in Seminole County, Iron City, on November 15, 1939.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotional services by Mrs. T. B. Mellette
- 10:15—Welcome address by Mrs. Cleveland, Iron City.
- Response by Miss Lola Johnson
- 10:30—Enrollment of delegates and ministers
- Report from local societies and district conventions
- Reading of minutes
- 11:15—Song service
- President's message by Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin
- 12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Song service and devotions by Mrs. Walter Hudson, Jakin
- 1:45—Address on missions by E.

- C. Davidson, Glennville
- 2:00—Stewardship Contest
- 2:45—Reports of the various presidents and committees
- Election of officers
- 3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. K. V. Shutes,
Mrs. W. E. Lane,
Mrs. Grady Hudson

Gum Neck Aid Report

The F. W. B. Ladies Aid society met at the church and held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 1939. The meeting was called to order by the president. There were seventeen members present and one visitor. The subject of the lesson was "Meditation." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Carrie Weatherly. We had an interesting Bible explanation by Mrs. Amanda Parrisher after which we entered into the business session.

We sent \$2 to the auxiliary convention for superannuation. The collection was \$2.30. We have in the treasury \$13.71. The Pollyanna Play was adopted and enjoyed by all. We have read 150 chapters in the Bible; 41 sick visits made; 24 quarts of milk given to the sick.

We have 35 active members on roll. A mid-week prayer meeting has been organized and held at the church each week. We request the praying people to remember us in their prayers that we may do good work for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

Mrs. Clara Parrisher, *Pres.*,
Mrs. Lillie Liverman, *Sec.*,
Mrs. Kizzie Sawyer, *Cor.-Secy.*

Fifth Eastern Union Report

The Fifth Eastern Union met with Rock of Zion in Pamlico County on Saturday, July 29, 1939. The devotions were led by Rev. N. D. Wiggs. The enrollment showed that there were ten ministers present, and at this time Brother Clinton Lupton's name was added to the list of ministers as a licensed minister. Rev. Philip Woodard and

Rev. J. R. Forrest, visiting ministers, were welcomed by the moderator, after which Rev. J. R. Bennett gave a very interesting report of the National Association which was held at Bryan, Texas.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. Philip Woodard, and after the sermon dinner was spread in the yard. After the noon hour was over, the union assembled again for the transaction of business. The afternoon devotions were led by Rev. J. R. Bennett. The subject: The Benefit of Christian Education was discussed, both *pro* and *con*, by the ministers present, and also by some of the laymen, bringing to all present the need of a real Christian school for our church.

Brother D. K. Purifoy of Bachlor, N. C. was elected to represent our union at the State Association which was held at Little Creek Church, Greene County.

The disbursements were as follows: To the Orphanage, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$5; National School Fund, \$20; State Association, \$5; W. W. Lupton, \$10; W. J. Moore, \$5; L. C. Garner, \$5; and to the clerk \$5.

There being no further business, we extended a rising vote of thanks to this church for the hospitality shown to this union during the sitting of this union. The union adjourned to meet next time with Antioch Church in Craven County on October 28, 1939.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Mod.
Rom Mallard, Secretary

Good Revival at Otter's Creek Church

I want to tell our Baptist readers that we enjoyed a fine revival at our church. It was conducted by Rev. Marshall Joyner in September from 13 to the 27. He brought us some good messages each night, and we feel that Brother Joyner is a God sent man. The attendance each night was good. Also we had the Orphanage class with us on Sunday night 24, and enjoyed their program.

Our meeting was surely a spirit-

ual one, Christians were made to weep, and sinners accepted Christ. There were seven who accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and one came by letter. Brother Joyner baptized the candidates, and they were received into the church.

We appreciated the people of the other churches co-operating with us and we give them a hearty welcome to come back again to worship with us. We want Brother Joyner and his good wife to come back again to be with us.

Mrs. C. W. Owens

Revival at Smith's New Home

Our revival has just closed at Smith's New Home with ten conversions. Rev. L. B. Manning of Fountain did the preaching. I feel that our church has been strengthened very much. We highly appreciate the services of Rev. R. P. Harris of Kinston in helping us with our singing.

Our new pastor will be Rev. N. D. Wiggs, and we hope the Lord will bless him and our church for the coming year.

By a member of the church

Dublin Grove Celebrates Home-Coming

The annual home-coming celebration at Dublin Grove Church on September 24, 1939, at Royal, N. C. was well attended by a large number of friends and relatives from various places.

The morning services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Woodard, of Stonewall, N. C. He delivered a splendid message, after which dinner was served on the grounds. The afternoon program was opened by Elbert Prescott, of Grantsboro, N. C., with Mary B. Patrick at the piano. The choir sang three hymns. Prayer was offered by Irvin Austin of the Campbell's Creek Methodist church. Edward Swain read the history of the church. Two duets were given by Helen Bennett and Frances Hudnell. Elbert Prescott, John McCot-

ter, Lloyd Scott, of Grantsboro with C. T. Allen, of Aurora rendered three quartets.

Rev. A. C. Austin of Campbell's Creek and a member of this church made a brief talk. The benediction was offered by Will Smithwick of the Core Point section. We were all very glad that it was possible for our two oldest members to attend the celebration, Miss Patsy Banks the oldest who furnished the information for the church history, and Mr. Calvin Caton, second oldest.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day very much.

Written by

Frances Hudnell

Revival at Calvary

Our revival closed on Sunday, September 24, 1939, after a series of two weeks' meeting. Rev. Herman Wooten is the pastor of the church. It began on Sunday afternoon, September 10, with Rev. Wooten opening the meeting, and evangelist E. J. Morris delivered the remainder of the messages.

Brother Morris is of Greek-American parentage, and a young man who is fighting sin wherever he goes. God wonderfully blessed during the meeting. Souls were reached that men thought were doomed for hell, drunkards, thieves, and sinners of all kinds cried out for mercy, and God heard their cry. They were made new creatures in Christ Jesus. During the meeting 80 souls were born in the kingdom of God. May I pause here to ask that all Christians pray for them. Eighteen of them joined our church. The baptismal services will be held on October 8, 1939 at three o'clock by Rev. Herman Wooten at Powell's Mill Pond in Columbus County.

Your brother in Christ,
Mayo Brown, Clarkton, N. C.

Notes and Quotes

The "Notes and Quotes" by Bro. Griffin arrived too late for this week's edition of the *Baptist* which was printed 24 hours ahead of its regular schedule.—Editor.

"Youth Is on Parade"

(Continued from page three)

enthusiasm, love, and a "go ye" spirit for the youth of our country.

Use modern methods, but the same Gospel that convicts and saves, methods that will attract the youth. Make the preaching service, Sunday school, and young people's work as attractive as possible. Seek a method or methods that will work in your church.

Churches, some of them, need repairing with Sunday school rooms, assembly room for socials, business meetings and reading. We need to get busy planning and building to take care of the Youth.

As we ride down the highway and look around the towns and cities we see that the world is planning and building in the most attractive manner. Modernizing, air-conditioning and service with a smile.

Ephesians 5:14-17, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Awake! Arise! and lets do something for our generation of young people, that want a chance to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The youth of this generation is hungry for the unadulterated Word of God. They are seeking a place in the service for the Lord. Teach them, and give them something to do and they will enthusiastically, and with a spirit of cooperation, do what they have the opportunity to do.

"Youth is on Parade." What are we going to do? They are asking for a school or a college that is free from inferior doctrines, but filled with the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Are we going to open our eyes, ears, minds, hearts, pocket books and furnish such an institution? Do we want any proportion of 36,000,000 young people to stagger through life, because we as a denomination

did not do something about a Christian Educational Institution? Lets put forth an effort. Send your prayers up to God, and your money to the secretary of Christian Education, Rev. J. R. Davidson, 808 West 27th Street, Bryan, Texas.

Music, of the right kind, is very necessary among our young people. Parents give your boys and girls the privilege of the opportunity of which they are worthy. I would like to recommend Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, and his proposition to you as an individual and to you as a denomination. Dr. Harris is a very capable Christian young man. I, for one, would like to express my appreciation for him. We should be proud of this fine young man, and let him help us in the field of music. Write to him today about your boy's and girl's musical career.

Helps on the S. S. Lesson

By Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

We are studying today an outstanding conflict between righteousness and the powers of darkness. Since it is the object of Matthew, from whose pen we are studying for the next quarter, to present Christ as the King of the Jews, he uses a milder term than Mark when he says he was "led" into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil.

Beyond the Jordan River is the rugged hill country of Judea and among some of these secluded hills Hell turns its heaviest artillery on the Christian religion under the personal command of the Devil himself. Moses who was the representative of the Lord and an outstanding type of our Lord fasted for a period of 40 days. Elijah, among outstanding types of Him, that stands as a representative of the Prophets also fasted 40 days. Before entering the stupendous duties assigned him from Heaven among these lonely hills the Lord of Glory also endured a 40 day fast.

From statements of St. Mark and St. Luke, he was tempted continu-

ously during these 40 days, but at the end came the climax that he hoped to sweep from his feet the divine mission of his life. The greater the disadvantages, the greater the victory while in a previous article (that failed to appear in some of the papers carrying these expositions, we showed from outstanding Scientists that it was not only a scientific possibility but a scientific reality that Christ was born of the virgin and that He was human as well as divine). At the end of this prolonged fast the human in him was longing for food and at this, his physical weakest point, the Devil assailed his appetite and human crave by suggesting that if he was the Son of God, command that the stones be made bread. My son-in-law who has walked through these secluded hills states the ground is literally covered with stones that in their appearance and color resemble loaves of delicious bread. Possibly the Devil pointed to some such stones in his terrific attempt to sweep the Lord from his course. In the Devil's statement, "If Thou Be The Son of God," was an attempt to induce Him to act on his own initiative separate and apart from the plan and purpose of God. To this suggestion, the Christ quotes a beautiful passage from the Scriptures, "And in his first attempt the Devil goes down in a crushing defeat." He then taketh him to the pinnacle of the temple not to be considered as an extreme point of the dome, but possibly to the utmost veranda where the Devil resorts to quote Him Scripture. We must say or admit it to the Devil's credit, he in quoting Scripture does not alter its phraseology or make substitutions, he simply omits when it does not serve his purpose. At this juncture, he is suggesting indirectly a short cut in the plan of redemption that would detour from the way of the Cross, hoping the Master would see a possibility in this outstanding act of convincing the world that it was the promised *Shiloh* and avoid three and a half years of sorrow, suffering and pain. This was a

short cut to the time and appealed directly to the human from the angle of pride. During this outstanding and direct attack Jesus again gives an outstanding quotation from God's word, the most effective weapon against the Devil himself, the second crushing defeat.

From thence, he is taken to an exceedingly high mountain where the kingdoms of the world were put on open display before the princely eyes of the Messiah. You and I have both heard the statement that the Devil lied to our Lord but since our Lord came into the world to redeem, isn't it probable that the nations belong to the devil. The word "Redeem" in the Bible and the same word in our Law Books mean precisely the same. A person, therefore, to redeem something must become in possession of that thing of which they have been in possession before. If Jesus then was to redeem, I rather think the Devil for one time was telling the truth but the word "lead" here is suggesting another short cut to the ends of which he came into the world. This would have eliminated three and a half years privation which would give an opportunity of immediate return to his father without tasting the horrible cup of the Crucifixion. It was a clever compromise and the Lord so saw it and again with the magic words of Scripture, he says: "Get Thee Behind Me Satan, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve," and we are told that the Devil left Him for a season but in leaving him personally does not mean that he was left free of Satanic influences for during his entire ministry through human instrumentality the Devil has harassed and tried to hinder the works of righteousness and through whom instrumentality will continue to harass and hinder until our Lord's second return when his work shall be ultimately destroyed.

We do not have to win a victory over the Devil with our own strength. We have only to trust in Him and share in the victory already won.

We are told that at the close of the temptation the angels came and ministered unto Him. Ministered is from a Greek term signifying "to wait upon another" and is used sixteen times elsewhere in the New Testament. Therefore, God would have us understand that the angels came with Heavenly prepared food and supplied what the human in him desired. As to Him in his divine person they ministered to His human needs these Heavenly messenger will administer to the spiritual needs of His followers and will not suffer them to be tempted with more than they are able to bear. "As our days are so shall our strength be."

The Church

It is true that the word "church" as it is used sometimes means an organization, but more frequently it does not mean an organization at all, but refers to all of God's people. When it means an organization, it refers to a local group of people who have repented of their sins, and who have trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation, and not in a creed fashioned of man's making.

I am not saying one word against any Christian brotherhood, but so long as that brotherhood serves as a medium through which Christ is magnified and trusted as the only name given under heaven whereby we poor mortals can be saved. It is true that there is but one true church, and that is Christ's Church, of which He is the Head.

The seven churches of Asia were separate organizations, and represented candle-sticks, from the Greek word meaning lamp-stands. The seven golden candle-sticks mentioned in Revelation does not mean one candle-stick with seven different candle-stands, and each candle-stand bearing its own group of candles; and each group of candles shining for the same cause. According to John in Revelation, each member of Christ's Church is a member of that group in the candle-stand, and shines to the same end.

If the Free Will Baptist leader-

ship had gone out years ago, having prepared themselves for their work, and having made the cause of Christ their supreme objective, today there would not be a more highly esteemed brotherhood in the land. However sound the fundamental principles of the Free Will Baptist might have been, it could not grow in the virtue of Christian graces with the insufficient support that it has received.

A. R. Flowers

The Sanctity of Home

A Christian home should be heaven begun on earth. It will be if it is the abode of warm and loving hearts. Serene but inspiring is the household which thinks, rejoices and sorrows together; whose personalities are all melted down by divine grace, uniting them in love. "A lamp," said Robert McCheyne, the great Scottish preacher, "is a very small thing, and it burns calmly, and without noise, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." So there are great but quiet influences, which, like the flame of a sacred lamp, fill many a home with light and fragrance. A soft, deep carpet not only diffuses a look of ample comfort, it deadens many a creaking sound; so is the peace of a Christian home. A strong curtain wards off the summer heat and the wintry winds; so a sweet family fellowship is a shield protecting all the members. A soft pillow may make some forget their misery, and a tired mind soon forgets its cares in the delights of a comfortable Christian home. Its influence is like the fresh evening breeze at the close of a burning day. There would be fewer aching hearts if there were more Christian homes. When you turn your face homeward thing of Jesus and heaven. Our Lord raised three persons from the dead. One was an only son; another, an only daughter; the third, an only brother. Whenever he entered a home he sanctified it with peace and radiant life. Make sure that Jesus is in the sacred presence of your home.

—Watchman-Examiner.

St. Claire Bible Class
 Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
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The Citizens of the Kingdom

(Lesson for October 22)

Golden Text Illuminated: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*

A small girl, the child of Quaker parents, whose aunt had for the first time taken her to a great cathedral, sat wondering at the glory that poured through the magnificent stained glass windows. At length, curiosity getting the better of her, she whispered, "Aunt Mary, who are those people on the beautiful windows?"

"They are saints," the aunt replied.

Then, in a voice audible to those near the child said, "Now I know what saints are. They are not people who wear ugly clothes and bonnets. *Saints are people who let the light shine through.*"

What a definition! It is not enough that the light comes to us; it should come through us. *Can others find Christ through you? That is the test of real religion. It lets the light shine through.* — Evangelical Messenger.

Remember, we are not asked to make it shine, we need only to let it shine. We need only to keep from hindering it.

How may we let our lights shine before men? By letting them see our good works. It is not that good works will save us, but having been saved, our lives ought to be filled with good works because of the presence of Christ in us. And when men see them, it is not that we should be honored, but for the glory

of our Father which is in Heaven.
 —J. C. T.

I. Lesson High Points

1. THE INNER RELATIONS (Matthew 5:1-12). This section covers what we are accustomed to call the "Beatitudes." These have a three-fold message. In the first place, they give us a picture of the character of Christ, the only perfect Man the world has ever seen. In Him every one of these qualities was found to perfection. He is the blessed Man of the First Psalm.

This, then, is a portrait of the perfect man. He is poor in his own spirit and, therefore, fully relies on the Lord, and so is given a place in the Spiritual Kingdom (Colossians 1:13). He mourns over his own insufficiency, and is filled with comfort by receiving forgiveness through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:7). He is not self-assertive, but meek, and has the promise of possessions in the Kingdom (Matthew 6:33). He longs for righteousness, such as God alone can give, and he shall be satisfied (1 Corinthians 1:30). He practices the authority of mercy towards others (Psalms 103:4), and is sure to obtain mercy for his own need. His heart has been made pure through the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5), and this secures for him the promise that he shall see God. He practices peace in his own life (Romans 12:18), and also helps diffuse it by preaching of the Gospel of peace (10:15), and thus furnishes proof of the fact that he is a son of God. He who lives such a life is quite certain to be persecuted by the world. He is entirely out of harmony with the spirit of the world, which is always self-assertive and operates on selfish principles.

2. THEIR OUTER MANIFESTATIONS (Matthew 5:13-16). God had said to Abraham: "I will bless thee", and, "Thou shalt be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). The same truth is brought before us here. In the Beatitudes man receives the bless-

ing of God, and in the verses that follow he is made a blessing to others. Those spoke of blessedness within, while these speak of usefulness without. Two figures of speech are used to set this forth:

(1) "*Ye are the salt of the earth.*" Salt is a preservative. The use of this figure implies the existence of corruption and the danger of corruption. No matter how much the world has advanced in civilization, it has always been accompanied by a degeneracy in morals. The only effective counteractive is the presence of true Christians. But there is one danger: there may be the appearance without the power of the Christian life, as there may be the appearance of salt without its savor. This has been exhibited in the history of the Church. The Church of the East lost its spiritual power, and it was cast out and trodden under foot. The Church of the West likewise lost its savor and would have become dissolved in the dark days of the Middle Ages. But this was averted by the arrival of the fresh salt of the Reformation revival. There is a great danger at the present time because of the mingling of worldliness in the Church, and there is as much need as ever to take to heart the solemn warning of the Lord Jesus. The apostate church of the Laodicean period will in the end be trodden under foot (Revelation 3:14-22).

(2) "*Ye are the light of the world.*" It does not say, "Ye carry the light, but "Ye are the light." In the strict sense of the word, of course, Christ Himself is the Light of the world. As long as He was in the world, He was the Light of the world (1 John 9:5).

Since He has gone, all the spiritual light left is found in the lives of true believers. Is that the reason the present spiritual darkness is so great? Is the number of true believers so small, or have many of them put their light under a bushel? It is the business of light to shine.

If it does not shine there is no reason for its existence.—J. C. T.

II. Home Work

1. See our Senior Quarterly for a verse—by verse commentary on this lesson.

2. Read the First Psalm this week.

3. What kind of sorrow is pleasing to God? (2 Corinthians 7:10).

4. What kind of inheritance shall the Christians have in the earth? (2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:16, 17; Revelation 3:21).

5. When shall righteousness prevail over all the earth? (Isaiah 11:4, 5; Psalm 72:2, 4).

6. What is the special promise of God to the one who is merciful? (Psalm 41:1).

Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage Report

From this time on a Financial Report on the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage will be made quarterly. You will notice this report is for September only. It is made this way in order to get an even start with the Quarters. Please don't expect a report each month from now on.

Total amount paid out	\$226.57
Total amount received	201.75
Deficit for September	\$ 24.82

SEPTEMBER

Expense and receipt account of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, for the month of September, 1939.

Groceries	\$29.62
School books and school supplies	19.78
Gasoline, (only) for car expense	11.67
Electric bill for August	5.88
Harward (including 100 ft. of garden hose)	8.10
Help for house work (washing and laundry)	1.70
Office supplies and postage	1.52
Coal for laundry heater	.85
Medicines for children	1.13
Barber bill (hair cutting)	.25
Garden seed for fall garden	.25
Syrup and cream pitchers	.55

Total	\$81.57
Paid on accounts from August and previous months since April	70.00
Salaries for superintendent and	

matron	75.00
..Paid out - - - Grand total	\$226.57

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Profits from entertainment of state association	\$ 30.58
Midway Church offering at Home Coming	24.14
King's Church (Eastern Star)	3.00
Former Treasurer (H. D. Bailey)	3.00
Bethany Church (Union)	3.60
Virginia State Association (by Mr. Kilgore)	9.02
Rocklick Ch. (Lee County, Va.)	2.00
Hoover Chapel Ch. (Lee Co. Va.)	2.00
Forrest Grove Church (Union)	2.00
Cumberland Association Ladies Aid Convention (by Mrs. Polston)	55.00
Visitors to Orphanage (J. H. Stanley and J. D. Stanley, my father and brother)	6.20
Christian Bend Baptist (Union)	3.00
Mrs. Glennie Rouse (N. C.)	1.00
Grey Stone Church (Union)	10.05
Liberty Church (Union)	6.00
New Liberty (Union)	6.00
New Liberty (Union)	6.22
Ashland City Ch. (Cumberland)	2.00
Elizabethethon Church (Union)	8.50
Watauga Valley Church (Union)	6.22
Holly Springs Church (Union)	12.22

Total receipts	\$201.75
Amount Due Oct 1, unpaid bal.	\$ 24.82

Please notice that the unpaid balance from September is only a third of what the unpaid balance from August was. If we can only work a little bit harder and get a few more churches to send their offerings, we can easily stay on a cash basis which will save us lots of cash discounts.

In addition to the cash received, we have also received in the form of commodities:

Canned goods and socks for children (Elizabethethon League)	\$ 7.00
Canned Goods and flour and potatoes (Eastern Star Church)	2.50
Clothing for Children (Mrs. Carl Shackleford)	1.25
Clothing for Tula (Miss Mary Patton)	4.00
Total	\$ 14.75

Yours for a Greater Orphanage,
I. L. Stanley, Superintendent

Flashes from the Field

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE BOWEN,
N. C. State F. W. B. L. Field Secys.

October 6, 1939

SAY, LEAGUERS, we've found a new league. While conducting a revival at Rooty Branch in Duplin County

this week, we learned that the young people have organized themselves into an Intermediate league. They have a large enrollment and there is a great deal of interest.

We are having a meeting with the league each evening, one hour prior to the preaching service—they say they enjoy the league meetings. It is our plan to help them to become more proficient.

Watch for the first official announcement of the new campaign called the "Read the 'Baptist' Campaign." The aim of the State Convention of Leagues is to put the *Baptist* in every leaguer's home. There are valuable prizes offered for the most subscriptions to the paper. Watch for announcement and get to work!

Then, too, not many days hence you will receive word concerning our new plan for the "Challenging Quarter." Boy, we want to put this over this convention year. For information on the Quarter, write to Rev. E. C. Morris, 201 W. Cypress St., Elizabeth City, N. C.

Till we meet again, 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Announcement

We are available for services in Bible Conference work, Evangelistic meetings, pastoral care of churches, young people's and Ladies Aid work; also beginning Wednesday night after third Sunday in October we invite all ministers and Christian workers to attend our Bible Class at Hull Road Church. We are making the same offer to ministerial students we have been since 1935, that is, any who wish a full time schedule in Bible work may arrange with us for such free of tuition.

In the Master's service,
Rev. and Mrs. Jesse P. Barrow,
Snow Hill, North Carolina

Of all the remedies for *ennui*, dissipation is the least efficient, and the most destructive of the moral as well as the physical constitution of man.—John Randolph.

Boys and Girls Corner

Ned's Excuses

"It wasn't my fault mother," said Ned. 'Meg left her glass so near the edge of the table that it fell off with the tiniest touch.'

Ned's mother sighed. Then Ned protested:

"B-ut, mother, it's true. Meg did leave it near the edge."

"Perhaps she did. But she did not knock it off," and mother sighed again.

Then Ned went out to join Meg at her play, knowing that he had worried mother once again.

Mother was always worrying over things, he said. Just yesterday he had come in with a poor report card and from school. When he had seen how sad his mother looked, he had said: "Well, mother, it wasn't my fault. I couldn't get my lessons up with the baby crying almost every night."

"Every night?" his mother questioned. And Ned stammered: "Well, some nights, anyway."

"If I remember rightly, dear, that happened only once. You are trying to excuse yourself."

"Well, you know I had a cold for a week. So it really wasn't my fault that I did so badly."

"Does that account for your low marks the whole term?" Ned's mother argued then.

Ned had no answer ready. 'It was always hard to find an excuse to satisfy his mother. She always seemed to know they were excuses.

It had been just like mother, too, today, to see through his excuse about Meg's glass. And yet it had been so much easier to put the blame on Meg than to admit that he was careless.

Ned's conscience pricked him for a few minutes, as it always did when mother looked so sad. But a she and Meg played throw and catch in the front yard, he soon became his careless self once more.

"Not my fault. Your bad throw, Meg," he called as he missed a catch.

"A good catcher should catch bad throws, too," retorted Meg.

"Not with a sore finger," answered Ned.

As a matter of fact, Ned had twisted a finger at school that day, but it had hurt for only a few minutes. Ned knew quite well that he was merely making an excuse.

"I'm so sorry, Ned," said Meg. "I didn't know your finger was sore."

Ned said nothing. He hurried off to get his books to study. He found, however, that he could not think of lessons. Meg's words kept troubling him. So did mother's worried look.

Finally he pushed his books away, and went to where Meg sat.

"Meg," he said, "my finger isn't sore at all. I played bad badly. Everytime you missed, my throws were bad. You're not a stupid player, Meg."

At last Ned summoned up the courage to break his excusing habit. He rushed back to his books with a blush of shyness, but before he began to study he saw his mother's face light up with joy, and heard Meg's happy:

"That's awfully decent of you, Ned."

"It was certainly worth admitting it," was what Ned thought as he settled down to work in earnest. "It makes a fellow feel more like a man."—Exchange.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

MAYO. On August the twenty-first, 1939, the Lord saw fit to take from our midst our uncle, J. E. Mayo. He was ill only a few days with pneumonia. He had been a member of Dublin Grove Church for quite a number of years.

He was a good friend and neighbor, and loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn their loss his widow, Mollie Mayo, two daughters, Mrs. Debbs Swain, and Mrs. Harvey Brothers, five sons, Lubin, Ira, Horace, Willie and Jerry Mayo. There are eleven grandchildren, four sisters and four brothers.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, J. P. Woodard of Stonewall, after which his body was laid to rest in the Lee Graveyard beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Written by his niece,
Frances Hudnell

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for September, 1939

Receipts

Bal. on hand, Sept. 1, 1939	\$ 643.45
Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Religious Organizations	714.37
Individuals	38.50
Concert Class	983.09
Junk Sold	1.00

Total Receipts \$2455.41

Expenditures

Salaries	554.90
Office Supplies	10.25
Car Payment	27.03
Class Expenses	55.03
Food	103.78
Clothing	141.46

Household	41.52
Travel Relating to Care of Children	12.51
Education Supplies	69.85
Farm Supplies	16.30
Conference Expenses	14.70
Hospital Bill	29.00
Shoeing Mules and Blacksmithing	7.95
Cleaning and Pressing	2.30
Hair Cuts	5.25
Lawn Improvements	30.88

Total Expenditures \$1121.71

Bal. on hand Oct. 1 \$1333.70

\$2455.41

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$ 643.45
Green Vocal Union	3.45
Union Valley Church	10.00
Concert Class	169.08
Concert Class	26.00
Beulaville Sunday School	10.00
Concert Class	179.71
Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00
Juniper Chapel Church	1.25
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Free Union League (Juniors)	
Beaufort County	.75
Cedar Hill Church	2.44
Spring Branch Sunday School	3.50
Aux. Convention (4th Union Dist.)	16.00
Concert Class	146.64
White Oak Church, Bladenboro	7.97
Union Chapel, Beaufort County (Revival)	80.00
Glad Tidings Sunday School Class of Hull Road Church	5.59
Antioch Church, Craven County	8.68
Sale of Jars	1.00
Goldsboro Sunday School	9.19
N. C. State Association, offering	67.25
Winterville Sunday School	3.25
St. Mary's F. W. B. Sunday School, New Bern	12.50
Parker's Chapel Sunday School	1.65
Joe Langley	1.00
Tommy Hall	1.50
Johnson Union Church	2.00
Concert Class	156.49
Sound View Sunday School	4.00
Rains Cross Roads Church	9.38
Ladies Auxiliary of Second Union of the Western District	6.28
King's Cross Roads Church	1.25
Holly Springs League and S. S.	12.50
British Chapel Church (Revival)	33.00
Concert Class	102.00
North Carolina State Association, Appropriation	50.00
Mount Zion Sunday School, Pamlico County	3.81
Concert Class	165.17
Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference	10.00
Davis Church	4.00
Asheville F. W. B. Church	7.27
White Oak Hill Church	3.00

Mrs. J. S. Speight	25.00
B. O. Cowan	1.00
Arapahoe Church	8.41
Teachers Board	10.00
Concert Class	38.00

Money for Support of Aid Children ----- 302.00

Total ----- \$245.41

Aids Having Furnished Cash or Clothing for Adopted Children

Aid	Child	Amount
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Piny Grove Church, Clinton Ange,	\$12.50
King's Cross Roads Ch., Ben Allen	12.50
Saratoga Ch., Sarah Hope Allen	12.50
Pleasant Grove Ladies Aid Society, Francis Brewer	12.50
Moseley's Creek Ladies Aid Society, Magdaline Bissette	12.50
St. John's Ladies Auxiliary Society (Wayne County) Tommie Brantley	12.50
Casey's Chapel Ch., Elmer Freeman	12.50
Marlboro Ladies Aid Society, Bruce Hawkins	12.50
Black Jack Ch., Joe High	12.50
Ayden Ladies Aid Society, Mozelle Hodges	15.00
Young People's Class of Hickory Chapel Church, Estelle Jones	12.50
Hugo Ladies Aid Society, Kathleen Langley	12.00
Corinth Ladies Aid Society (Sampson County) Evelyn Pate	12.50
Little Rock Ladies Aid Society, James Earl Raper	12.50
Wilson Ladies Aid Society, P. C. Snipes	12.50
Kenly Ladies Aid Society, Hazel Tippette	10.00
Union Grove Ladies Aid Society, (Wayne Co.) Mary Agnes Tripp	12.50
Union Chapel Ladies Aid Society, Thelma Thompson	12.50
Davis Church, Elizabeth Thompson	12.50
Micro Ladies Aid Society, Beadie Warbritton	15.00
Gum Swamp Ladies Aid Society, Josephine Watson	12.50
Gum Neck Ladies Aid Society, Dorman West	12.50
Friendship Ladies Aid Society, (Johnston Co.), Billie Lucas	12.50
Edgewood Ladies Aid Society, Jack Lucas	12.50
Total	\$302.00

Clothes Donated By Aids

Aid	Child	Value
St. Clair Memorial Sunday School		
Class of St. Mary's Church, New Bern, Josephine Hatem		\$21.75
Macedonia Ladies Aid Society, Alvin Earl Butts		23.08
Swannanoa Church, Claudia Harris		25.72
Senior Boys and Girls Class of		

Reedy Branch Sunday School,	
Virginia Langley	6.00
Total donated clothing by aids	\$76.55

Donated Commodities

Mrs. J. B. Worthington, Clothing	\$ 6.25
L. A. S. Warden's Grove Church, Clothing	8.00
Alice Webster, Pinetown, Clothing	1.00
L. A. S. White Oak Church, Bladen County, Household and Clothing	5.00
Ephesus Church, Household and Canned Fruit	4.00
Union Chapel, Beaufort County, Food	25.00
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- 11:15—Orphanage report by J. C.
Moye
11:25—Special music by R. P. Har-
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11:35—Sermon, "The Unity of the
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God Sets the Price and the Compensation

By R. C. BAGGETT, Foreston, South Carolina

There appeared in the May 18th issue of the Baptist an article, by Rev. R. E. Tripp, "Should a Preacher Set a Price?" and when I read this article I felt the urge to reply giving the layman's answer to the question. I pushed this feeling aside, but as the days and weeks rolled by it grew stronger and stronger until I saw that the only way out for me was to, by the help of the Lord, answer Brother Tripp's question.

First, let me say that I am an ardent believer in the tithing system, and that I do believe that the ministry of the Free Will Baptist is most inadequately supported. There must be a reason. What is it? Come let us reason together and see if we can find that reason.

Certainly, the laborer is worthy of his hire, but who hired the preacher—the disciple of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

When a man makes his request for Ordination to the ministry he says to the conference and to the world that "he" has been saved from his sins, has accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, has been called by God to preach the Gospel, has surrendered and forsaken all, has and will give his entire life to the cause of Christ, and that his faith is in God only.

According to this man's own statement he is a disciple, and is not condemned by Luke 14:33, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

This man has forsaken all and is a disciple, and God will see to it that this disciple will have every necessity in this life, and the great reward in the World to come. The above being true, Who hired the preacher, the Church or God?

I have failed to find where a church body or God has ever commissioned a man to go out and work all the week days for the material things of life and, then, hire to some church to preach on Sunday for a salary.

Let's follow this disciple who has dedicated his life's service and his all to God. Do we see him starting out on Monday morning interviewing and trying to persuade people to forsake their sins, and *take up their cross and follow Jesus*, trusting God and His followers to supply all material necessities, or, do we see the preacher forgetting his promise to God and man, take a plow handle, a sample case, or some other instrument of labor, working hard six days of the week in an effort to obtain the things that he wants in this life, and giving God only one day, Sunday, which is His already, instead of giving God every day's service and depending on Him to carry out His promise of support.

I sincerely believe that whenever, or wherever we find a disciple, or preacher, who fulfills his obligation and promise to God, then and there we will find one who will have plenty of the necessities of life, and one who will be happy in the service of his Lord, with no other concern but that of bringing souls into God's Kingdom.

This is the kind of a preacher or disciple, that this sin-sick world is looking and longing for to lead them out of their present state of darkness into the Light of our Saviour. To such a man of God every heart, every home, and every pocket-book will be opened.

You say: "The problems are: How much supply—or how much demand? and who creates this supply and demand?" This question is plainly answered in Luke 10:2, "Therefore said He unto them. The

harvest is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. The "harvest" is the great mass of lost sinful humanity, and the labourers are the few Godly disciples of Christ.

If we see *supply* and *demand* as applied, only, to the few established churches and the seemingly large number of ministers, our vision is truly small and distorted.

You say: "Every preacher should covet the opportunity of devoting his entire life to the Gospel Ministry." This opportunity was given to him with God's call, and he promised God that he would take advantage of it and would give his entire life and his all to the ministry when he accepted the Call.

Should a preacher set a price? According to God's word, a thousand times *no*. God has set the price a preacher must pay, and He has set in His promises the compensation. Therefore, when the ministry pays, or begins to pay the price, the compensation will be greater than was ever dreamed of by man.

I knew a preacher who ran a farm, worked six days to the week for a salary, and preached twice on Sunday for \$20.00 per Sunday. He would buy his gas and oil on Sunday and if he had a flat tire he would have that fixed or even buy a new tire if necessary, nevertheless, he and the church members would criticise anyone for staying open for business and selling on Sunday. Now, who is the worst, the man who sells or the man who buys on the Sabbath Day? Are there two standards of righteous living? Can anyone wonder the cause of such a falling away from the Church under the prevailing circumstances?

(Continued on page ten)

EDITORIAL

Neglect always exacts great price. The individual who neglects the proper care of his physical body through the indulgence of bad habits and dissipation of his strength pays the price in the after years with suffering and disappointment. The parents who fail to give their children the proper training and care while they are growing up have regrets later on

coming to them for their negligence of one of the greatest duties of the home. The neglect, according to history, of one small leak in a great dam across a narrow neck of a great body of water, brought destruction to thousands of dollars worth of property when the gushing water through the small leak cut its way with such force until the whole dam was washed away. Staying away from church, Sunday School, League meetings, and any other religious services, through carelessness and neglect, breaks the regularity of attendance and weakens the habit of spiritual worship. The minister who is prone to neglect his religious duties to his congregations, due to the lack of interest and waning fervor of the spirit to do the job well, is paying the price of declining power and lost influence. It has been said, the neglect of one important duty on the part of one officer of rank cost his country a whole army of brave soldiers in a great war.

How easy it is for the average person to become slothful and indifferent to matters of concern in their every-day vocations. Rank and position are often lost, due to this one little thing in the lives of people. The apostle James enjoins us to be prudent in deed and in speech, using our time well. He said, "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" The proper uses of one's opportunities, and privileges in life, with the performance of that which is just and hon-

orable, pays great dividends in return. The writer to the Hebrews said, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" The gospel is free for all, but think how many there are who are neglecting it every day. With some people everything else must come first, there is time enough yet to seek the Lord, so they will postpone the Christian life and the joy of serving the Lord to some future date.

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God told Adam, when He had cast him out of the Garden of Eden for his disobedience, to go work and earn his living by the sweat of his brow. Whether we call it work, service, or whatever we choose to designate it, it means the doing of something. Jesus came to serve mankind in a particular sense—teaching and preaching the way of salvation. This was His singular purpose to the world, and no one would say that He failed

SERVICE to perform His mission well. True Christians are servants of God. Men who labor and toil to build homes, establish churches and schools, hospitals and orphan homes, are worthy servants, great benefactors of civilization. He who serves others for the common good is repaid many fold for his liberality, and shall be rewarded in the end by the Great Judge. He who serves his brother, his church, his community well is counted worthy of the respect and honor from his fellowmen. The trouble is too many people are unwilling to serve in many worthwhile places because of the lack of interest and the will, the determination, to set themselves to the tasks needing their services. Laziness is an inexcusable state of the mind, for the normal human beings, and yet their number is legion these days. There is an old saying, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And we might add the slothful go

there to see the sparks fly. It is true, not all people who idle about street corners, at the country cross-road stores and filling stations week in and week out have no job to occupy their minds. There is work, real service in fact, for them to do if they would go to it. God is not satisfied with the lazy, fruitless person. The Bible tells us, "By their fruits, ye shall know them." But this class is known by their barrenness, like the barren fig-tree which Christ cursed 'because it had no fruit. We wonder if many people will not be condemned in that day because of their lack of true service to God and to their fellowmen.

Report of the Homeland Tour

By Rev. Thos. H. Willey

The success of our Missionary program in a large measure depends on keeping our people as a denomination informed as to our movements and needs and progress, the only way we can intelligently keep our people informed is by the church papers, hence we have a debt of gratitude to the papers, the editors, and their force at work on them, because the success of the programs in a large measure depends on them. Every Free Will Baptist should be a subscriber to one or both of our official organs, the Free Will Baptist at Ayden, North Carolina and the Free Will Baptist "Gem" published in the city of Monett, Missouri.

The press at Ayden and the one at Monett, Missouri have enabled us to place before our people monthly reports covering every phase of our activity in this great department of Foreign Missions. I meet people all over the United States who come to me saying, "I know you, you are Brother Willey, our missionary. I read the Gem or the Free Will Baptist and keep up with you." Others who do not take one of the papers know nothing of the activities of our church.

We plan to keep a monthly report coming in to you covering our visitation from state to state. The Foreign Mission Board met and set the date of our return to South America at January of the year 1940. This leaves us four months during which we are making an effort to attend State associations and League meetings, where there are assembled representative groups from the localities and states, to whom we might present the challenge of missions, then we are touching some churches between these points.

We started from the North Carolina State Association, where we were given the opportunity to address that group, then we went home with Sister Jackson at Ayden, and had a visit with Brother Phillips and Brother Spencer, the editor of "The Free Will Baptist" at Ayden, North Carolina. It was a great pleasure to look into the faces of our dear friends in North Carolina. Something like five years ago, we attended our first State Association in that neighborhood.

We preached for Brother Henry Melvin at Durham a few times and went out to Brother Fred Rivenbark's church at Sherrin Acres, and had a lovely visit with them. They are a fine group of folk. They gave us an offering of ten dollars for which we were deeply grateful. Then we laid our plans to attend the State Association at Union Third Fork in Northwest Missouri. On our westward trip, we planned to stop off to visit our church in Nashville, Tennessee. We spent a few days with Brother Blackwelder, led a prayer meeting, preached Sunday morning and spoke at a League meeting, then hurried on to make train connections for St. Joseph, Missouri, arriving on time. Brother Winford Davis was there to meet me at the hour appointed and we packed in a car already filled with folks and baggage and on we went to Union Third Fork.

Again our hearts thrilled as we saw again our dear people of this great state assembled for a spiritual

feast; it is always that when ever these great western people get together. We had the high honor of opening the meeting with a message on missions under the big tent. For five days we had a wonderful treat of spiritual blessings. Brother Jim Miller, presided in Brother Jim's warm hearted and gentle but firm manner. Brother Bingham and Brother Davidson came in from Texas and Oklahoma, and brought an inspiring message. Then came Brother John Rollins whose appearance and actions made us think if he could only grow a beard we would have another Abe Lincoln on hand.

Thursday night we brought the missionary message to a great crowd of people. The tent was packed and a great number stood outside the tent and all prayed earnestly. We gave a call to consecration and six came weeping and prayed through to victory and blessing, promising God they would be all in all and out and out for service. One young lady was definitely converted.

Brother Sam Marcum brought the closing message, as only Brother Sam can bring one.

I wish to say a word about the wonderful way we were entertained. If folks did not get enough to eat, it was their own fault for those good people killed hogs and beef and fed us on a wholesale scale. They entertain like they raise corn, in a big way.

We returned with Brother Winford Davis to contact some of our churches in and around Monett, after which we came on to Flint, Michigan. We found them a dear group of people, many of them coming from good old Missouri; great numbers of them subscribe to the Gem and are praying for our pioneer missionary endeavor. I am leaving tomorrow for Detroit, Michigan where I expect to be with two or three Free Will Baptist churches in that city. There are two growing churches and fine groups of people. One brother said they were Swamp Angles, Ridge Runners, Hill Billies and Rail Runners. Well, that might

mean something to our readers. I know what it means to be a hill-billie. They sure look good to me and I am sure they are going to pull for our United church program. What we want to do is to contact our people who were not able to contact the two years of travel in the homeland. We want to visit with our brethren in Ohio if it is possible, and over in Virginia, and in parts of Tennessee, and then back into Florida and Alabama.

Through a conflict in dates I could not attend the Oklahoma State Association which met October 17th, but we are going over to meet with a few of our Missionary supporters for some time after the 24th of this month, then we shall return back to Durham, North Carolina to attend the Western Association of North Carolina the 2nd and 3rd.

Should you care to correspond with Mrs. Willey or myself address all correspondence to Mrs. Thomas Willey 3336 S. W. 23rd Terrace, Miami, Florida. We hope to be in that state for the month of December.

Orphanage Class Report

By Velva Daughtry

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Bethany, Pitt County	31.19

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News from Rev. S. H. Styron

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have tried to send word through the paper for several days, but there's no need to try to explain. I've had so many ways to turn, and so many things to think about, I have failed to get the piece written.

First, let me say, we are home from Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Mr. Styron had taken all the treatment at Johns Hopkins he could stand; he had to have a rest.

The doctors informed me last Monday that he could come home Wednesday, and after a rest of two weeks he could take his treatments at Duke. Mr. Ralph Yelverton of Fremont, kindly consented to go to Baltimore and take him back by ambulance.

We hope he is responding to this treatment. His condition seems improved in some ways, and we trust it will be a cure. He gets discouraged at times and loses hope, but we know nothing is impossible with God.

A few of the ministers came in last Saturday afternoon and held a service for him at 5 p. m., and prayed and anointed him with oil, and since that time he seems better, and I feel that God answers prayer and I feel that He will hear this plea made in his behalf.

Those who have sent him cards, and letters, and donations, we will try to write you real soon. We have had so many things to think about, I've failed to write you, but I really do want to write and thank you personally.

You'll never know how much it is appreciated and we feel that God will reward you for this way of keeping him during his afflictions.

Thanks, and asking God's blessing on all of you. Pray for we need your prayers and interest.

Mrs. Styron

Peace Instead of War

Dear Baptist Readers:

It is a pleasure to have the Baptist coming into our home. Its pages are always searched from cover to cover that we may not miss any of the valuable contents. We get great blessings by reading the Baptist paper, because it serves as a channel of love and friendship, flowing from one to another and bringing happiness and joy to our hungry souls.

We should be very thankful for the love and peacefulness of people, realizing the fact that today Europe is being tossed about by war. We regret so much that the countries in Europe cannot agree, and live in peace as brothers with each other. Covetousness of Germany and Russia has caused them to take Poland and divide it between them. But God has said that a house divided against itself shall not stand. But God only knows what will be the final result. Therefore, let us be true citizens of the United States, and the Americas take heed lest we get into the European troubles. We are to stand united together in peace that we may stand undivided, and maintain the true principles of Christianity, as set forth in the Gospels.

Now is the time to think of winning souls for God, instead of taking the lives of God's people. He gave His only begotten Son for us and we should seek eternal life. Vengeance is mine saith the Lord, and God in His own good time will deal with Hitlerism in His own good way. It is true that all the canon and artillery of the world cannot restore the heartbroken homes, anguish and pain caused by war. So, let us say in the words of the old writer, "Forgetting the things of the past, I press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus."

Although the world will never forget the shameful destruction of Poland by her enemies, yet we can never hope to gain peace by slaughtering women and children. The

Lord will return soon to earth to gather His loved ones home to be with Him. This brutal warfare does not please God. So, let us join hand in hand, and say to the world that vengeance belongs to the Lord. Let us abhor that which is evil, and put on the whole armor of God, and fight for victory in crushing the attempts of the great satanic forces against God's plan of salvation.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
C. L. Bowen
Goldsboro, N. C.

Zion Bible School Continues in Service

We are now in the beginning of our tenth year, and even though our outlook is not as glowing as we would like for it to be, there are reasons which we believe are valid; and these same reasons, no doubt, are hindering others as they are hindering us. First, let me speak of a grievously poor year in the agricultural industry of our section. Second the abnormal prices received for these products. Third, the beginning of another European war is demoralizing to our people.

When I speak of an "off" year with our farming people I wish to refer to the fact that throughout the tri-state section of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama crops are anywhere from about one third to one half normal in production, due to excessive rains from early spring until harvest season. This condition is depressing to our economic conditions, but we are thankful that God has given us courage through His grace to trust him as we have for the past nine years of school work, and we believe that by continuing as we have heretofore and with the same zealotness as workmen that we will come out all right.

We are sorry that the news has gone out that we have disbanded and become disorganized, and we are glad to announce that Zion Bible School is continuing to serve humanity and be a channel of blessing

according as God has blessed us along these years of service.

We realize there are times when the Christian has to bolster his courage just as much so as any other profession, and the men who sponsor a movement. Also, we think a year like this is time when Christian people can prove their sincerity and loyalty to a cause. Too, it is a year when people need to feel deep the need of earnest sacrifice and offering which God, when He sees, takes notice as Christ, the Son did as He called attention to the offering cast in the treasury of the temple by a poor widow whom He declared to His disciples had cast in more than they. I realize there is not sufficient mustering of courage with faith and works, and when these off years come many ministers are prone to excuse their congregations, but with me I am constrained by the love of Christ to do my full duty that my congregations may not have the privilege of saying the pastor did not mention it, but rather that I may constrain them to do their utmost in carrying on a complete church program.

As this school ever keeps before it the sense of duty in training for loyalty that whatever the trouble may be which may arise that the minister as a good soldier should never run from duty, or flinch from the hardest of service.

Our work in the school continues in training for such service as God may call the worker into, and especially in the field of pastoral, evangelistic, and missionary activities.

Brethren, pray for us and remember we are again braving the storm, and that your help, your prayers, your encouragement is needed; and now, may the God of peace and consolation bless you to bless us as you have heretofore that we as recipients of your love and blessing may be a blessing to others, and that your faith and charity may redound to the glory of God as we work in faith and prayer in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember we seek not our pleasure,

but the pleasure of God. We seek not our glory, but the Glory that be of God, we seek not our joy, but the joy of the spirit, and we seek not man's wisdom, but the wisdom that be of God. Again, we ask that you remember us who serve in Zion Bible School.

Thomas B. Mellette

A Good Prescription

Henry J. Zelle

One morning a Christian man stopped at the parsonage and requested the pastor to call at his home and pray with his wife, who was greatly depressed with doubts concerning her spiritual condition. She had been a sincere Christian several years, but Satan was trying to "entangle her again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1).

He hurried to the home, and permitted the troubled saint to unburden her mind and heart; and when she had done so, he proved from the Word of God that she was still His child, and her fears were soon driven away. Then he said to her, "I have a prescription for you that will not only help you at present, but will prevent a return of your doubts and fears in the future, if you will use it regularly. It has never failed. Are you willing to give it a trial?" She answered affirmatively, and the prescription was given; it was as follows:

"Whenever you feel depressed in spirit, and doubts are suggested by Satan, as to your relation to God, don't argue with the tempter, but begin to sing:

"I am trusting, Lord, in Thee,
Dear Lamb of Calvary;
Humbly at Thy cross I bow,
Jesus saves me, saves me now."

"If you are alone, sing it aloud. If this can't be done, sing it in your heart and mind, but sing it with faith, and your faith will make it real."

Her face wore again a happy smile, as she repeated the words, and God restored to her the joy of His salvation.

About a year later she was lying upon her bed in her last long illness, and her family and the pastor were near the bedside. She had spoken her farewell to them all, and then reached out her trembling hand to her pastor, and said, "Pastor, do you remember the prescription you gave me about a year ago?" He answered, "I do," and added this question, "Did it work?" Her face was transfigured by a heavenly smile, as she replied, "Oh, yes, it worked there, and it works now—

"Jesus saves me, saves me now!"

And a few minutes later she closed her eyes, and went home to be forever with her Lord.

A Christian man, who had for many years been a devout follower of His Lord, encountered dark shadows on his homeward way. He had not knowingly transgressed any of God's commandments, and could not understand his spiritual condition, but he prayed constantly that God would "take the dimness of his soul away." While meditating and praying, his mind turned to the beautiful Gospel song, written by Mrs. C. D. Martin, entitled "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," and he asked himself the questions therein:

"Why should I be discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heaven and home?"

When Jesus is my Portion,
My constant Friend is He.
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me."

As he read them one by one his faith renewed its hold upon the Divine promises and he burst into song:

"I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me."

The shadows were driven away, and brighter light from Heaven shined upon him, bringing back the peace and joy which he had missed for a time.—Selected by Minnie D. Mason.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Perfection in the Flesh — God's Word teaches that perfection in the flesh cannot be obtained in this age.



Paul says, "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good things" (Romans 7: 18). Read verses 19-25. The man who says "I am sanctified soul and body" has gone to heights that Paul the great apostle never claimed on this earth.

The Redemption of the Body — "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, ever we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8: 22-23). Redemption of the body brings perfection of the same. The provision is made for the redemption in Christ, but the body must go back to the dust from whence it came in order to be made pure. "It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body" (1 Cor. 15:42-44). I have known people to claim "bodily perfection" and the same person was guilty of that which my Bible tells me is sin. Some have done things that a lady or a gentleman would not do, let a lone a Christian. I knew one man to forsake his wife and take another man's wife and go on preaching his "sinless perfection." However he said to me, "It is no sin to do what you please if you are a child of God." But God's child will not wilfully commit sin, I said. And the act of adultery is a wilful act of sin. I am afraid of the man who gets so good that he claims "perfection of the flesh."

The Fact of Indwelling Sin Admitted. — "If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." John the "beloved disciple" says that there is sin in the body, yet he writes, "My little children these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins. Notice John says for "Our Sins") and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2). So John did not claim that his body—his flesh—was free from sin. So when people get better than John claimed to be I am afraid of that person.

Flesh and Spirit — "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." The Lord has never told us that flesh could be changed to anything until it is placed, or goes back to the dust from whence it came, and then only those who are Christ's will be made pure. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order. Christ the first fruits, afterward they that are Christ at his coming" (1 Cor. 15:22, 23).

The Wicked Dead—For the resurrection of the wicked dead you can find the account given in Revelation 20:11-15. And God's Word here is different from what Russell, Judge Rutherford and the so-called Jehovah's witnesses say about the wicked dead.

We closed an eight day meeting at Kannapolis, Tuesday evening, October 10th. The meeting was largely a church meeting-revival. There were only two who confessed, openly, to be saved. I feel that many church members were really revived. We should have stayed about a week longer, but could not. Brother R. E. Tripp is the pastor and is doing some good work. It was a pleasure to have Revs. J. J. Brooks and Paul Jenkins who helped with their prayers and work in the meet-

ing. Pray for the work in Kannapolis.

We had the pleasure of attending the Western Association which convened with the church at Marsh Swamp. It made our heart rejoice to be with the brethren and sisters whom we used to visit and work with. However, we missed some of the "old-land marks" who have been removed to the "Great Beyond." The Association seems to be growing in interest and concrete resolutions with the "go-ye-spirit" dominating the life of the ministry and laity of the church.

I have just promised to conduct a series of meetings at Holly Springs, Newport, North Carolina, which is to begin on Monday evening October 23, and continue for a week or more. We are no stranger with the good people of this church having been there on other occasions, and having preached for them before. They are good people to work with and are always anxious for real results for the good of the church. Pray for us.

Sunday School Lesson

By D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

We begin the study of the teaching of our Lord as recorded by Matthew, whose life before his call to the Apostleship was that of a Publican, as Tax Collector. He was and had been in close touch with Imperial Rome and due to this he is particularly qualified to present Christ as the King of the Jews. The observant student will notice that he portrays the princely qualities in His life.

He introduces the same theme as that of his forerunner, as that of the preaching of our Lord. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repent in this theme is from a stronger word than is used in reference to Judas. In this verse it means to make a complete turn while in the case of Judas, it means to make a half turn. The expres-

sion, "is at hand" is from a word meaning in the act of beginning.

We hope the reader will pardon taking space here to state when the Christian church was instituted, there is a wide spread supposition that it began on Pentecost. But we have failed through years of prayerful study to find one verse or line to prove it, so we hope to get before you just what the Bible does have to say. In 1st Cor. 12:28 Paul says the first officers that God set in the Church were Apostles. Church is from the Greek meaning to call out. So our problem is to find when the call was made and the ordaining of the twelve and we have made progress towards finding the correct time of the beginning of the Church.

In Mark 3:13, 14 we have, "And He goeth up into a mountain and called unto him whom he would and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve that they should be with Him and that He might send them forth to preach." Here is the call and also the ordaining of the twelve and the beginning of the Church called by St. Matthew so often the kingdom of heaven. Further proof will be found in Luke 16:16 where we have "The Law and the Prophets were until John, since these the kingdom of God is preached and all men press into it." The institution founded by Moses and called the congregation lasted to John or the baptism of our Lord and there it ended and where it ended the Church began; for God would not have the world blank without an institution through which to pay Him honor. Another scripture says, "the Law (the congregation and its form of worship) was a schoolmaster unto Christ" (we quote here from late translation) sharing that it ceased when the Shilo came and the sepre departed from Juda.

The first line in to-day's lesson is identical with what is found in the above quotation from St. Mark 3:13, 14 and is therefore relating the same incident and the mountain of mark was the mountain of Beati-

tudes of Matthew from which our Lord preached his sermon on the first part we have under present consideration. If the sermon on the mount was our only Bible, it would be sufficient to lift the world high in spiritual and moral living.

The first twelve verses state the qualities of the model Christian and the average teacher will find no difficulty in presenting them. Verse 13 refers to the soaring power or influence of the church in convicting men of sin. Therefore, the figure of speech, "the salt of the earth."

Salt is a compound body, whether natural or artificial, its general character is *sopidity* and a preservative power when combined with animal substances. But if any chemical agency one or more if its constituents be separated from the others, the part remaining may retain much of the appearance of the original compound and yet have lost its most remarkable and valuable properties. One who has visited the valley of Salt near Gibrel he brake a piece that had been exposed to the air and sun and washed by rain and though it retained the sparkling appearance of salt, it had completely lost its savor, in conformity to our Lord's statement. The church is commissioned by the salt of the gospel and its principles of truth and self denial purity of life and purity to counteract the corruption of the world. To put at naught covetousness, licentiousness, forgetfulness of God and idolatry. But if the salt, the visible church, has lost its savor wherewith shall it be salted. How tragic it is when the membership of a church becomes so worldly that the sinner loses respect for and confidence in.

While I write these lines above my head is an electric light; that light burns while the circuit with the power plant is in tact, but when that circuit is broken, instantly the light is gone. Verses 14-16 say the church is the light of the world. The Church will give out light as long as it is in contact with heaven and will be darkness when the contact

is broken. Alas, how pathetic it is when a church allows the things of this world to break the circuit with heaven. Years ago a ship was trying to make port at Cleveland on a stormy night. Seeing a big light in the darkness the captain asked the pilot if the big light was Cleveland to which he replied "yes." But where are the shore lights? Alas, they were gone out. Your class and mine every member is one of God's shore lights. My friends are those lights burning, or has sin and worldliness broken the circuit. If so, prayer and faith will weld it together again. He gives out light that is given to us, and as a dirty reflector gives a poor light, a worldly life will give only dull light. Should a lighthouse keeper neglect his light and it was seen by a passing vessel through his government he would hear that at that very hour his light was burning low; at this season when fairs, we just as well say carnival, or everywhere it will be sad if some soul at the judgment points to some of our church people who have lost their savor and whose Christian light was at a low ebb and tell them they were lost because they lost confidence in them when they saw them at the Fair (carnival) indulging in things worldly and immoral.

The city on the hill is easy to be seen but difficult to overthrow, a life that is hid with Christ in God is a conspicuous life and is hard for the devil to overthrow. He has counterfitted many things but the self-sacrificing Christian's love he has never been able to counterfit. We have no falt to find of "old fashioned testimonial meetings" as some call it but the closing thought of the Master says, let your light *shine* that they may see and *glorify* your Father who is in heaven.

A light can be seen farther than the human voice can be heard; if my fellowman fails to see Jesus in me, he will fail to hear me tell him "Trim your feeble lamp my brother Some poor sailor's tempest tossed, Trying now to make the harbor, In the darkness may be lost."

God Sets the Price and the Compensation

(Continued from page three)

Please do not misunderstand me. I believe that every need of a preacher should be taken care of by the church, and I also, believe that the minister should devote his whole heart, mind, soul, and body to the cause he represents. The Book of books tell us that a man cannot serve two masters — the material and the Spiritual.

Brother Tripp, if the ministry cannot or do not trust God's Word and His promises, how then, can it expect the sinful world to trust Him?

This is not written in a spirit of criticism, but, with the prayer and in the hope that it may provoke serious thinking and a full determination, on the part of all who may read it, to overcome material desires and to get right down to God's plan of our undivided service to Him.

Yours in the hope of a greater Faith and Trust,

Ministers Take Notice

The Ministerial Association of the Central Conference will convene at the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday October 26th instead of Friday October 27th. This change is made so that all ministers may attend the "Shrub Planting Day" at the Orphanage on Friday. The Ministers of the Central Conference are meeting at Kinston as guests of Rev. R. P. Harris. This Association together with their host, R. P. Harris extends to all F. W. B. Ministers of the State a cordial invitation to meet with them that day.

If you expect to attend this meeting, it is requested that you send a card to Rev. R. P. Harris, Kinston, North Carolina, stating your desires in order that refreshments may be prepared for you.

The program for the day is given below. If anyone whose name appears on the program cannot attend,

please notify the secretary at once, so that a change can be made.

PROGRAM

- 10:00—Devotions, by Dan Beaman
- 10:15—Business, L. B. Manning,
President in charge
—Roll Call, Minutes Read, etc.
- 11:00—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:15—Sermon, Rev. Lloyd Vernon
- 12:00—Lunch and recreation
- 1:30—Devotions by J. P. Barrow
- 1:45—Round table discussion on
"The Need of a Clean Ministry", N. Bruce Barrow in charge
- 2:45—Business period and adjournment

L. B. Manning, *President*,

N. Bruce Barrow, *Secy.*

A Call to Arms

In the days of threatening and fighting for pre-eminence in every vocation of life, I take this method, as Field Secretary, to ask that you get your association to become a member of the State Association, which is to convene with Corinth Church, Iron City, Georgia, on November 14, 15, and 16.

We urge that you collect your fees as have been printed in the paper already. We do not make this appeal from a selfish point of view, but in these days of greed for more power, and so many things to draw our youth away from God and the church we do need to concentrate our efforts on God's work. As a solid unit we can be more effective in our drives to reach the unconverted, and to be better able to put over our church program. I mean every phase of it.

Therefore, may I appeal to you for a great church work. It has been handed to us by preachers and laymen who did their part well, and are gone on to see about the rewards of a well spent life. We want to count on you being true to the Faith of our Fathers, and also true to Christ.

We urge you to come with a mind to work for the best interest of the cause. Leave old bad self out and at home, and bring along with you the Holy Spirit to guide you. We need your counsel, prayers and financial support. Please come praying for a greater support, and a greater church program to further the cause of Christ.

Yours for a greater church,

S. T. Shutes, *Field Secy.*,
Colquit, Georgia

Plant Day at Orphanage, October 27

We sincerely trust that the ladies particularly, will keep in mind that October 27, Friday before the fifth Sunday has been designated as plant day at the Orphanage.

We are listing below the number and kinds of shrubbery suggested by Mr. Harris from the Extension Department of State College. Those of you who are in a position to furnish us with any of the shrubbery suggested will please bring or send it by someone on the above named date.

Since most of our children are in school, it appears that we must ask the ladies who can arrange to come to bring their lunches along with them. We suggest that you try to get here by 10 o'clock. Please keep in mind the date and the hour, and we shall be expecting a goodly number of those of you who are interested in assisting us in improving our site. The list of shrubbery is as follows:

- 4 Crytomeria Taponica.
- 16 Wax Leaf Privet (Ligustrum Lucidum).
- 78 Barberry.
- 2 Dogwood.
- 12 Weeping Privet.
- 8 Pfitzer Junipers.
- 8 Winter Creeper (Evergreen pattern).
- 4 Photinis Senulata.
- 12 Japanese Privet (Legustrum Japonica).
- 12 White or Willow Oaks.
- 136 Native Cedars.
- 16 Magnolia Trees.

- 16 Pecans or Oaks.
- 147 Armour River Privet Hedge plants (evergreen).
- 38 Sweet Breath of Spring.
- 12 Armour River Privet Hedge Plant.
- 56 Winter Flowering Jasmine.
- 56 Abelia.
- 144 Spirea.
- 44 Goldenbell.
- 24 Tall Spirea.

M. E. Tyson, *Supt.*

A Spiritual Revival at Columbus, Mississippi

The Rev. Linton C. Johnson, evangelist of Alam, Georgia, conducted a revival meeting at Columbus Church, beginning on Tuesday night, October 3rd and continuing through Wednesday night, October 11th. Rev. Johnson brought some very forceful messages each service. Many of our members were revived and rededicated their hearts and lives to the Lord and his service. On Monday night of the meeting it seemed that Heaven's door was open and poured out a special blessing on our service. Seventeen found their way to the altar and prayed through, indeed this was a wonderful service.

Our Pastor, Rev. M. L. Hollis, was not able to be with us in all of our revival meeting, but was in a meeting near us doing real good work there. However he was with us on the last night of our meeting to conduct the baptismal service. Six fine young ladies and three young men were baptized, two coming by letter from other churches. The entire membership of our church was drawn closer to the Lord by having Rev. Johnson with us. The meeting was a wonderful success.

At the close of the baptismal service Brother Hollis asked that the members of the church stay for a brief meeting which all did. The purpose of this meeting was to raise one back note of \$25.00 on the church debt. Brother Hollis started the offering off with \$5.00 and over \$100.00 was raised in about five

minutes, of course this was a happy time for Brother Hollis and Brother Johnson as well as all the members.

All left the church with a new zeal to go out and do greater work for the Lord and his service.

E. K. Brown, *First F. W. B. Church*, Columbus, Miss.

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HUMAN progress shows itself in a fall of prices and a rise in wages. Although labor makes one half the cost of production, still it is true that the world gains just as fast as prices fall and wages rise. To insure progress, the cost of everything but human muscle and brain must fall.—Wendell Phillips.

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**Beverage Alcohol and
 Social Progress**

(Lesson for October 29)

Lesson: Micah 2:9-11; Luke 21:29-31, 34-36; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Golden Text: "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?*" (1 Cor. 6:9).

I. Home Work

1. With what awful sins is drunkenness classed in the Word of God? (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10).

2. What is God's Word of warning to all drunkards? (Isaiah 28:1; Joel 1:5; 1 Corinthians 6:10).

3. What persons are specially cautioned to abstain from wine and strong drink? (Proverbs 31:4, 5; 1 Timothy 3:1-3, 8; Titus 1:7; 2:3).

4. What are some of the sins that will prevail on earth at the time of Christ's Return? (Luke 21:34, 35; Matthew 24:48-50).

5. Read Psalm 10 this week. Kindly tell your neighbors who drink that they are going to live in a bone-dry country some time. See Luke 16:19-31. Our quarterlies can give you much help.

II. Lesson High Points

"*The women of My people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses.*" The women referred to were the unprotected widows. God, the preserver of men, has tender regard for the weaker sex and especially for the widows. These widows were driven from their houses inherited from their husbands. Thus they were abused and robbed. By the words "My glory" is meant the privileges which every Israelite possessed as a member of God's people. These privileges included the service and worship of Jehovah in

His Sanctuary. The Prophet implies that the children of the widows had been sold into slavery, which virtually annulled their glorious birthright. How could they serve and worship Jehovah in a strange land? How could they sing the songs of Jehovah in a strange land and in slavery? We learn here the terrible evil of covetousness. Through their covetousness they disregarded human rights and human happiness.

Verse 10. It will be noted that rest was one of the chief aspects under which Canaan was regarded (Deuteronomy 12:9; Isaiah 63:14; Psalm 95:11). They had not polluted the land by their sin, and now it cannot be their resting place, for it shall be destroyed. We learn here that the Divine judgment would correspond with the sins of the people. They would be driven from their land by force and the enemy would devastate it. Let us remember that the punishment of sin is as certain as the existence of an eternal and a righteous God. The sins of Israel brought them to their ruin. The sins of men will bring them to ruin. —W. S. H.

Pernicious Prophecy. "If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people" (Micah 2:11). A prophet, speaking smooth things and in a lying spirit, such as the people loved to hear, would be a fit prophet for this people. "The prophets prophesy falsely, * * and My people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:31). —MacFayden.

2. *Prophecy* Lu. 21:29-32). Here the Lord Jesus is speaking prophetically of the time of His Return He has revealed the fact that He will come in power and great in glory (vss. 25-28), and now He is speaking of the condition of Israel as indicating the time of His Return. The fig tree is a type of Israel. It is shown as a barren fig

tree which is in danger of being cut off and cast away during the present dispensation (13:6-9). It is also shown as the withered fig tree which was cursed by the Lord because it had no fruit (Matthew 21:17-19). That is the present condition of Israel. But this fig tree is to have life again and bear fruit. Now the appearance of buds on the tree is an indication of the approach of summer. Likewise the signs that betoken a new life on the part of the Jews, a new national interest, are an indication of the fact that the Coming of the Lord draweth nigh. As yet the interest is not great, and we believe this is one reason why the Lord permitting various European governments to deal harshly with the Jews and to drive them out of their borders that they may return to their own land. But this does not in any wise justify those who persecute them.

3. *Promise* (Lu. 21:34-36). Here we have a description of the conditions that shall prevail on the earth at the time of Christ's Coming. Three sins are specially named—surfeiting, drunkenness and the cares of life. Surfeiting refers to excesses in eating and drinking. It is the sin of gluttony. Drunkenness refers especially to the use of intoxicating liquor. Men know the effects of such excesses, and yet they deliberately choose to indulge themselves for the pleasure they think they derive from it.

4. *Penalty* (1 Cor. 6:9-11). In the last portion of our lesson, the Apostle Paul gives a list of certain sins, their penalty, and speaks of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eleven classes of sinners are named who shall not "inherit the Kingdom of God."

In the language of the Apostle Paul, these Corinthians had not only been washed, i. e., saved but were also sanctified, i. e., separated unto God, and justified, i. e., their guilt had been taken away. And it had all been one in the Name of the Lord Jesus, "and by the Spirit

of our God." So, let us not merely urge people to abstain from drunkenness, but to accept God's remedy for sin.—J. C. T.

Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

Notice to

*Aid Societies, Sunday Schools and
Leagues of the Fourth Union
Meeting District of the
Central Conference*

At the last auxiliary convention of the fourth union meeting district of the Central Conference, it was moved and carried to include the Sunday Schools and Leagues in this convention, which is held each Fifth Sunday. This convention was organized to create more interest in the local churches in the auxiliary work.

We are asking each Sunday School, Ladies Aid, and League to send a delegate to represent your organization in this convention which meets on the Fifth Sunday in October at Friendship Church in Greene County. We want a delegate and contribution from each of these organizations.

It was also moved and carried that each Ladies Aid society raise \$10.00 for the building fund for the Orphanage, and bring it also to this meeting, or raise this amount by Thanksgiving. When you raise your money, please send it to Rev. M. E. Tyson, Superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex. Tell him that it is from the Ladies Aid society of your church, and give him the name of your church.

He will send to you the list after Thanksgiving. Then I will publish honor roll with the names of the churches whose societies have raised this amount in the Baptist paper. Come on Ladies Aids, and let us see

who shall be the first to send in your \$10.00 to help this worthy cause.

At the auxiliary convention of the Central Conference which was held last week at Marlboro Church in Pitt County, we also asked all Ladies Aid societies in the Central Conference to raise this amount by Thanksgiving, and they decided to do so. Last fall all churches were asked to give brick which we responded to. Now we need money to build with. Please let us make an effort to raise this amount and finish this building.

If there is any information you would like to have about this, write to me. I shall be glad to tell you anything that I can to help you. My address is Stantonsburg, N. C., Route 1. We are praying that God will bless this convention, and that it will grow and do lots for the work in a spiritual way.

We are hoping to have Ladies Aids, Sunday Schools and Leagues in all of the churches of this district in a short time.

Yours in the Master's service,
Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Stantonsburg, N. C., Route 1

Annual Report of Goldsboro Aid

We have changed our Aid Society year to correspond with our Year Book of Programs. At our September meeting we elected and re-elected the following officers for our new year.

Mrs. C. R. Strickland, *President*; Miss Olivia Ferguson, *First Vice-President*; Mrs. W. E. Holland, *Third Vice-President*; Miss Marguerite Morris, *Fourth Vice-President*; Mrs. H. E. Hill, *Fifth Vice-President*; Mrs. T. E. Beaman, *Sixth Vice-President*; Miss Hazel Whitley, *Recording Secretary*; Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, *Corresponding Secretary*; Mrs. W. B. Crumpler, *Treasurer*.

The number of active members are 30, and inactive 13.

Dues collected for the year — \$ 72.26
Miscellaneous donations --- 190.42

Total ----- \$262.68

Disbursements

Telephone ----- \$ 18.00
Church expenses ----- 69.26
Paid on the building fund --- 141.47
Sent to the Orphanage ----- 19.95
Sent to associations ----- 14.00

Total ----- \$262.68

Visits made 1,251; trays, flowers, etc. 218; and 1,389 chapters read in the Bible.

Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, *Cor.-Secy.*

Program

The program for the Women's Auxiliary Convention which meets at Friendship Church Fifth Sunday in October as a part of the Union meeting.

Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Song
11:05—Welcome address by Mr. W. L. Hart
11:10—Response by Mrs. Albert Summerlin
11:15—Song
11:20—Business, appointment of committees
11:40—Song and offering for the orphanage
11:45—Sermon by Rev. James A. Evans
12:15—Lunch hour

Sunday Afternoon

1:15—Singing conducted by Rev. M. E. Tyson
1:30—Business period
2:15—A program by the Ladies Aid of Antioch Church
—Song
—Benediction by Mr. Dan Beaman

Miss Mabel Owens,
Mrs. W. H. Jones,
Mrs. D. E. Everette,
Program Committee

Boys and Girls Corner

God's Rain

The summer was hot and dry. The Earth People were very sad, for it had not rained for days and days and everything was drying up.

"I wish it would rain," said Farmer Brown as he walked through his big cornfield. "My corn is turning brown. If it doesn't rain soon it will die. Oh, I wish it would rain."

"I wish it would rain," said mother as she looked at her flower-garden. The little plants were so thirsty that they could no longer hold up their pretty flower-faces, but stood drooping in the sun.

"I wish it would rain," said Gray Duck as she led her baby ducklings along the bank of the dry pond. There is no water in the pond and I cannot bathe my babies."

"I wish it would rain," said little Jimmy as he sat in the shade of the old oak tree. "It is so hot that I can hardly breathe and the dust blows into my eyes. Rain would cool the air and lay the dust."

God saw how badly the Earth People felt, and sent His helpers, the wind and the storm clouds to help them.

O-o-o-o-o! O-o-o!" sang the wind and it blew the great black storm clouds along the sky.

"Rumble-umble-umble! Rumble-umble-umble! Rumble-umble-umble!" said the thunder.

Farmer Brown heard the thunder and he hurried to the house.

Mother heard the thunder, too, and she hurried to close the windows.

Out by the dry pond Gray Duck heard it and tucked her little ducklings under her wings to keep them dry. Then she waited for the rain.

Jimmy saw the big black rain clouds and heard the rumble-umble of the thunder and he was very happy. He knew that the thunder was God's way of telling the Earth People it was going to rain. He ran to the house to tell his mother.

"Mother, it is going to rain! It is going to rain! I heard the thunder!" he cried.

Then the rain began to fall. "Pit-a-pat. Pit-a-pat," it sang as it hit the window.

It washed the corn and the flowers and gave them a good drink. It filled the pond with water.

"I am glad that it rained," said Farmer Brown. "Now my corn will grow."

"I am glad it rained," said mother. "See how pretty my flowers are!"

"Quack! Quack! I am glad it rained!" said Gray Duck. "The pond is full of water. My babies can have a bath and go for a swim."

"I am glad that it rained," said little Jimmy. The air is cool and the dust is gone. I am glad that God sent the rain!"—*Goldie Grant Thiel* in "Story World."

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In the quietness of an early morning hour September 28, 1939, Brother Arthur Phillips, after a protracted illness, peacefully passed away. He was born October 29, 1906 and died September 28, 1939. He was married to Miss Emma Mae Askew January 5, 1934. To this union was born three sons whom with his wife, Mother and Father survive him. He led a very active life until a few moments before the end came and was a consistent and loyal member of Hugo Free Will Baptist Church until Jesus called him to the mansion he had gone to prepare for all the faithful. Feeling a deep sense of personal grief and sorrow we the teacher and members of his Church and Sunday School Class wish to pay tribute to our friend and co-worker who gave of his means, services and prayers to the work of the Master.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we express to the members of his family our appreciation of his life among us.

Second, although his saintly presence will be missed, may the memory of his devotion and faithfulness to his family,

church and Sunday School be an inspiration to us all.

And Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent the family, and a copy to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication and a copy spread upon our roll book.

Sleep on Dear Arthur and take thy rest, God called thee Home, He thought it best.

J. S. Hardison,
P. L. Rouse,
Clarence Rouse, ~
Committee

WHALEY—On July 20, 1939, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Willie Whaley, and took from him his loving wife, Mrs. Jennie Whaley. She was born October 6, 1871, making her stay on earth 67 years, 9 months and 14 days.

She had been married about 46 years and to this union was born one child. She united with Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church over forty years ago, and remained a faithful member until her death. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, one child, and six grandchildren besides other relatives and friends.

She was laid to rest in the family cemetery near her home.

She is gone but not forgotten,
We must try to meet her there;
On the shores of Heaven's portals,
May this be our lasting prayer.

Written by,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

Revival at Corinth Church

We had a very successful revival at Corinth Church in Martin County last week. Rev. Henry Melvin, of Durham, North Carolina, did the preaching each evening. We feel that everyone enjoyed each message, and will remember them for a long time.

Rev. Clarence Bowen, pastor of our church, and Mrs. Bowen, were with us. They helped in the song services. This was the first time Mr. Melvin had been in our community, and everyone that met him or heard his messages liked him. During the meeting two young boys gave their souls to Christ, and our prayers are that they may grow stronger in the Lord every day. We were indeed glad to see these fine young boys come to Christ. We also had one boy to move his member-

ship. Although we did not get many to give their souls to Christ, yet we feel that we were all benefited by the inspiring messages.

A sister in Jesus Christ,

Marie Gurkin

Program

Program for the First Union Meeting District of the Western Association 9:45 o'clock. Song and devotional services conducted by Rev. T. Renfrow.

10:00—Opening remarks by the moderator

10:15—Business Period

10:45—The Orphanage work and the offering for the same, Rev. M. E. Tyson

11:00—Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinant

12:00—Noon hour

1:00—Congregational singing and prayer services, led by Rev. J. A. Evans

1:30—Appointment of Finance Committee

1:40—Calling the list of Ministers

1:45—Calling list of churches

2:30—Business Period

3:00—Finance Committee and Treasurer's report

3:30—Petitions for next union

3:40—Singing by the audience—Closing prayer led by L. T. Phillips

This Union Meeting will be held with the church at Mt. Zion, Johnston County.

By W. F. Pittman

One Hundred Per Cent Record

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Miss Mary Bunn,

Corresponding Secy.

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A Correction

In the Fifth Eastern Union Meeting report it reads that the union convened with Rock of Zion Church Pamlico County but it should be "The union convened with New Bethlehem Church, Pamlico County. We are very sorry this mistake occurred.

Rom Mallard, Clerk

Revival at Elm Grove

The revival at Elm Grove Church, which was postponed a few weeks ago on the account of the illness of the minister who was to conduct the meeting, will begin Sunday night, October 22 and continue for a week or longer. Rev. Clifton Rice will do the preaching.

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Fri., Oct. 20	Juniper Chapel	Craven
Sat., Oct. 21	Oak Grove	Craven
Sun., Oct. 22	Pleasant Hill	Craven
Mon., Oct. 23	Palmetto Chapel	Craven
Tues., Oct. 24	Macedonia	Craven
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The very flowers teach thee that fretting is a
wrong.

"Cheer up," the sparrow chirpeth; "Thy Father
feedeth me;

Think how much he careth, oh, lonely child, for
thee."

"FEAR NOT," the flowers whisper; "since thus
He hath arrayed

The buttercup and daisy, how canst thou be
afraid?"

Then don't you trouble trouble till trouble trou-
bles you;

You'll only double trouble, and trouble others too.

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The Rock Fish Association News

The Rock Fish Association met on October the sixth and seventh with the Entwistle Free Will Baptist church at East Rockingham. Seven churches were represented, and all business was transacted smoothly. It really was the great-

est associational meeting in the history of the work.

Revs. Sherman H. Oakes, E. H. Russ, O. M. Hilbourn, M. L. Baxley, and A. J. Bascott delivered able soul stirring messages during the session.

The election of officers was entered into and the following were elected: Rev. Walter Carter, Moderator; Rev. Sherman Oakes, Secretary; and W. L. Peel, treasurer.

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The Woman Who Did Her Best

BY MRS. CLARENCE BOWEN, National Auxiliary President

An Address to F. W. B. Women

TEXT: "She hath done what she could" Mark 14:8

Although she was misunderstood and painfully criticized by her fellow Christians and kinfolks, Mary went on doing her best. To be critical of those who are doing something is about the easiest thing one can do, but it is about the meanest and most un-Christlike thing one can do, unless the criticism be in the spirit of love and constructive in aim. The criticism of Mary by "some that had indignation within themselves" was unjust and not in the spirit of Christian love, but grew out of a selfish heart and a narrow mind. Jesus, who knew her heart and the motive that actuated her deed, spoke up in her defense and made it clear that she had done what she could and what she had done was right and at the right time. It seems to me that Jesus meant to say, "She has done her best." What a fine compliment this. To be given to Mary! Surely, it would have been a wonderful epitaph to place on her tombstone. There are few folk that have lived in the days of the Christian religion who have merited such an epitaph. Lots of us would like to know that such a one would be placed on our tombstones. But it would not fit on the tombstone of every church member. It has to be merited to be appropriate. It is not the kind that the board of deacons can draft up and have the church meeting pass favorably on it and make it fit. "She hath done what she could." She did her best under the circumstances, with what she had to do with, and that is what made it so much appreciated by Jesus. In doing one's best there are several things that come to mind suggested by the incident recorded in this story.

In the first place, *she wanted to do something*. The woman who does nothing in this world of opportunity for suffering humanity and lost souls will have reason to shudder when she stands before Jesus in the last day. Mary had a consecrated and surrendered will. Consecrated, in that she was willing to serve the Lord whole-heartedly; surrendered, in that she was willing to sacrifice for her Master. She could have sold the alabaster box of ointment and gained money but she preferred doing something for Christ. The pouring of the ointment on Jesus' feet gave Mary a blessing that money could not buy.

I wonder if we as Free Will Baptist women are willing to consecrate and sacrifice ourselves wholly to the service of the Master. Do we want to do something to build our denomination to a higher level? There are avenues of service open to us on every hand. Have we been down education lane, superannuation road, foreign and home mission boulevard or any other great road that leads to a well-rounded and useful life? Do we live in the house by the side of the road and befriend those who pass every day? Are we willing to do something?

Then too, *Mary was willing to do the things she could do*. She was not trying to do what she was not qualified to do by nature or grace. Perhaps she couldn't sing a solo, preside over a delegation, or make an oration, but she could anoint the feet of Jesus for burial. This was an humble task but she could show her Christian love for Jesus by this contribution of material wealth. She didn't ask any credit or reward but Jesus saw to it that she received both. Yes, she did the thing she was able to do.

Mary was like so many of us. We are not able to do the larger things of service, yet we can fill our places.

God gives each one of us a place and no matter how small it may be unless we fill it, there will be some Kingdom work left undone. Surely, we can't all preach, sing, make eloquent speeches, or do just as every one else, but we can do what we are capable of doing and in the sight of God we have done our best.

Are we using the talent God has given us to promote his work? We are not working for worldly praise or glory but that Christ might be glorified through us. If we use our talent and glorify God as best as we know how we will hear him say, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things. . . . Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

In closing, let me remind you that *she did what she could at the opportune time*. She did not wait until Christ was dead before she gave her best to him. He was soon to be taken away and she would not have been able to render the services she did. Are we waiting to do service for the Master and the Free Will Baptist Church until it will be said, "Too late"?

Now is the time to serve God. Let us go back to Bethel and strive to lift the Christ higher than ever before. Let us stop dreaming and let our dreams materialize into a beautiful Free Will Baptist school, hundreds of foreign and home missionaries, thousands of dollars in treasury for the benefit of our beloved ministers who are rapidly aging and who are bent and gray from years of service in the Master's vineyard. Let us be found watching and doing the things of God when he comes to receive his own. Let it be said of our dear women, "They hath done what they could."

"Good women are God's sentinels in the darkest of earthly night,

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EDITORIAL

The Subscription Campaign

The subscription campaign for the Baptist paper which is being conducted by the leaguers of North Carolina is, from all reports, producing good results. Quite a number of the leaguers in the various churches are getting busy with the securing new and renewal subscriptions. Several of the ministers, many of the Sunday School officials, and the Ladies Aid members are showing their interest, we are informed, in the campaign for the leaguers.

We are taking this method of stating that we are very desirous of all the churches, where the leagues are established, to take an interest in this drive. There are so many of the homes in many churches that do not take the Baptist. Accordingly, we are not only very desirous of increasing the circulation of the paper that we may be able to serve more people of the church, but also we want a larger church membership to read and become informed of the work which is being carried on by the denomination. For any church group to become enthusiastic over religious matters they need to keep up with the church news week after week. We are, therefore, requesting the ministers, the Sunday School superintendents and teachers, and also the Ladies Aid workers to boost the campaign, and to give their assistance to the teachers, and also the Ladies Aid workers to boost the campaign, and to give their assistance to the leaguers. We are hoping that the leaguers will be able to secure 1000 subscriptions by the time the campaign closes. It is natural to suppose that the young leaguers are looking to the older people to help them by lending their influence and by subscribing with them for the paper. We hope to be able soon to publish the results of

this campaign which the leaguers are very anxious to be a great success.

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New Sunday School Quarterly

The new Advanced Sunday School Quarterly will be ready for sale by the middle of December for the first quarter of the new year. It has been written for use by the young people above the senior age group and for adults; that is, ages from eighteen, say, up as old as may go to Sunday School. It has been prepared with a view of interesting the student in and of applying the lesson truths to their knowledge and experience in life. The lessons are developed on the topical plan with questions at the end of each topic for brief comment or discussion of vital points by the teacher and the class. Also additional study material is given at the end of the lesson for all who may desire further study of parallel thought out of class. On the average each lesson consists of from three to five topics, briefly discussed with scripture references frequently given for further study and a fuller understanding of the thought in hand. It has been the purpose of the writer of the lessons to keep in mind, as far as is practical, the nature, training and experiences of the students who will study this quarterly with a view that they may better understand and appreciate each lesson from Sunday to Sunday.

We wish to state further, for the benefit of all who are looking forward to taking up this quarterly in January, that the price per copy is only eight cents, which is very reasonable for a booklet consisting of sixty-four pages of lesson material. May we call attention that the time-old Bible Reading class in the Sunday Schools of a chapter or two,

with inadequate comments and explanations of the readings by the poorly prepared teacher and members of the class, has long since proved inadequate for clear and definite teaching of the scriptures. Therefore, this new Advanced Quarterly has been added by the Press to the Sunday School literature to take the place of the Old-Time Bible Reading Class in the Sunday School, and also to furnish the upper young group of students a more advanced study of the lessons than is given in the Senior Class quarterly. In fact, requests have been sent to the Press time and time again asking for just such a quarterly for the more advanced classes in the Sunday Schools. We believe that all who will decide to use this Advanced Quarterly, beginning with the first of the new year, will find it very helpful. The sentence structure is clear, the thought has been carefully set forth, and scripture truths have been carefully adhered to in each topic. Room has been allowed, of course, for further comment and more extended discussion, and application of the principles involved in each topic for the teacher and the class to enlarge upon.

Note here that sample copies may be secured upon request for inspection and consideration of use in the upper classes of the Sunday Schools as soon as they are ready, say by December the first. Those interested are requested to drop the Business Manager a card for a sample copy, or mail in your order for your class supply around the first of December.

SELECTIONS FROM JOHN JAY

Neglect of friends is a species of littleness . . . The Confidence characteristic of friendship disdains the fetters of distrust and suspicion . . . We have all our weak side. Would to God that were the worst! . . . When our fellow mortals are busy and well fed, they forget to complain . . . The mass of mankind prefer present ease to the arduous exertions often necessary to ensure permanent tranquility.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

This Is Not That — "Are the tongues of today like the tongues at Pentecost?" Well, there is a difference. Then everybody understood;



now, no one understands what is said, except, possibly, some who claim to be interpreters, and others who are just as honest as those who claim the gift, and no doubt as near God have to take the interpreter's word. But let me repeat at Pentecost no one had to take the other fellow's word because all heard and understood. "And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold are not all these which speak Galileans? And hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born" (Acts 2:7, 8). Read the 9, 10 and 11th verses for the different nationalities and then you will agree that the "tongues" of today are not like the *tongues of Pentecost*.

The Unforgiving Spirit — God, our heavenly Father, is a forgiving Spirit. To forgive is God-like. To hold malice is Devil-like. A man cannot be right who does not forgive his sinning brother. The one who does not forgive cannot pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray without asking God to condemn his soul. Jesus said, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." The elder brother was angry and would not go into the banquet that was given for his sinning brother. He could not fellowship that sinner. I have seen people who would get "niffed" and stay out because some one was doing things that they did not like. That is a poor policy. It will not work in God's program. That staying-out-pouting attitude belongs to the devil. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will

also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14, 15). God cannot fellowship darkness. An unforgiving spirit is the work of Satan, the author of darkness and all that displeases God.

The Eastern Association — The Forty-Fourth Annual session of the Eastern Association of Free Will Baptists held with the church at Union Chapel, Chocowinity, North Carolina, October 18-20. The Holy Spirit seemed to have His way in our lives and therefore *love and joy* which are two of the main fruits of the Spirit were greatly manifested among the ministers and delegates, together with the visitors. Fifty-six churches were represented, and about twenty-five ministers including visitors from the other associations—Central (Con.), Western and Cape Fear. Many good reports and resolutions were received and committees appointed to put them into concrete results. Among which was the endorsement of the National Program for a National Institution of learning. Brother J. R. Bennett was elected to place this program before the various churches of the Association. Brother J. W. Alfred was re-elected as Clerk. Brother Manley Mallard (a layman) was re-elected as treasurer. Your servant was elected Moderator. The next session of the Association is to be held at Arapahoe, N. C. The Union Chapel people took care of the Association in the most splendid manner. Their hospitality was great. May God bless them and bless the work of all the officers and if the Lord Jesus does not come before the session of 1940 my reports be that this is the most successful year in the history of the Association. May we all begin right now and do our best to make it the best year in the history of the work. Amen.

There is nothing so powerful as truth and often nothing so strange. —Daniel Webster.

Central Conference of Women's Auxiliary Meet

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference held their semi-annual meeting at Marlboro Church on September 27th with a large delegation present.

The Aid of Piny Grove church presented a mission play which was very good. An offering was taken for missions which amounted to \$4.66.

The delegates gave some very interesting oral reports concerning their local societies.

The following motion was carried:

That each society would pay \$10.00 by Thanksgiving to be applied on the fund for the new building at the Orphanage.

Supt. M. E. Tyson made a few remarks concerning the Orphanage. He stated that Friday, October 27th had been set as plant day at the institution. An offering was received for the Orphanage which amounted to \$10.00.

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow delivered the convention sermon.

A tribute to the pioneer women of the Central Conference was given by Mrs. J. C. Moye.

Rev. W. L. Moretz was present and made a few remarks about foreign missions. He asked that all money be sent to him so that our state would receive credit for same.

Mrs. Katie Jackson conducted a memorial service which was very impressive. In connection with this Mrs. Moye rendered a beautiful solo, "The Holy City."

Special prayer was offered during the day for Mrs. Herman Nobles and Rev. S. H. Styron.

Immediately after the benediction it was decided by the officers to send \$5.00 to Rev. Styron.

The next Convention will meet at Piny Grove in Pitt County.

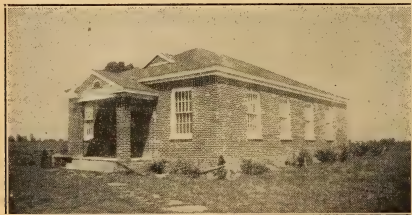
Benediction by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Mrs. Carl Barrow, Secy.

Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens.—Daniel Webster.

Sulphur Springs F. W. B. Church, Samantha, Ala.

The church shown here is located in northern Tuscaloosa County, Samantha, Alabama. It is brick veneered, and it shows up real pretty with the sod of grass and pretty shrubbery around it.



Sulphur Springs F. W. B. Church

The church is located in a community which was chosen by the T. V. A., as the most strict rural community in Alabama. But the church building was dedicated the first day of this year, and we owe nothing on the property. There is all total about \$3,600 worth of property here.

The people are enjoying a Sunday School with an average attendance of one hundred students, and a League of seventy-five members. We have a wonderful mid-week prayer meeting, and an excellent Ladies work.

Although there are only a few Aid society. The membership of the church is 175. The church is electrically lighted, making it possible for any type of special program to be rendered in the church or on the church grounds. The pastor of the church is a young college graduate who was reared in the community,

and he has the splendid group of young people to back him in his land owners in the church, it has adopted "God's Acre Plan" to help in financing the church. Really, it is one of the most progressive and spiritual churches in our denomination. Should anyone desire any further information about this church and its work may write Rev. Robert B. ^{Crawford} Coward, Samantha, Alabama. This brief account has been supplied by special request.

Rev. Robert ^{Crawford} Coward

Retrospection

*By Thomas B. Mellette,
Blakely, Georgia*

AN EDUCATIONAL REFLECTION UPON OUR BROKEN DOWN INSTITUTIONS

In view of the discernment of men and the many ideas of advancement, together with the powers of nations, denominations, corporations, and individuals seeking world prestige, I am constrained at times, as Ezra and Nehemiah of old, to view with sadness the past of our

institutions of learning and the blessing these institutions were to our people, and as they were channels of blessings from God to man in the way of preparing vessels of honor unto Him.

I wonder, and yet, I am sure there are many who with me recall the scenes of the old Ayden Theological Seminary and the hallowed spot upon which this school once rested, and the efforts of service which were rendered by the promoters and sustainers of the same. Too, I wonder today if this spot of land upon which now stands the Ayden High

School building is thought of as a place where many earnest and anxious prayers were once made that many men of our denomination received much of the inspiration they now convey to their parishioners. Too, that we reflect upon the debris of the past Eureka College administration building with sorrowful hearts. This institution, which was once so promising to our people, has become already a byword in the mouths of many who care not for the failure of others.

Is not such a scene pathetic? Are there not sons and daughters to rise to its defense, or even offer one word of prayer to God that the ruined and broken down places may be repaired? A recent study of the work accomplished by Nehemiah and that of Ezra has caused me to cast reflection upon the sites and scenes of those places, dear in the hearts of those who once prayed and labored that their hearts would not be in vain. Yet, there should rise in North Carolina a zealous advocate of righteousness to reconcile all men together and to call action to the rebuilding now the waste places only to the glory of God and service of humanity.

Also, is it not the fact that such a spirit can be found among the people of the once Tecumseh College of Oklahoma. I was once elected to teach in that institution, but for reasons which I thought then best I declined the position. However, history presents ten years of service in the educational field of our people in the west. Surely there are many who recall to mind the scenes of her yesterdays with pathos and glory, and yet what could have been done had she only remained to mother and give inspiration to our, as one puts it, "Youth on Parade."

What is our outcome? Shall we guide our feet by the lamp of past experience? and shall we let past failure be a future failure, or sit idly by and with a by word of the former school say we have done until it hurts, and now we will wait and see what others will do? I am conscious of the many who were caused to suffer, but why not read

the story of the ordeal and yet undaunted faith of Ezra and Nehemiah in the accomplishments of rebuilding the temple and walls of Jerusalem? It was a far more trying experience than we may ever expect to undergo.

I am conscious of what it will take to build and equip a college and get the college to a rating basis with credible units recognized by our state educational standards. Much faith, self-denial, and sacrificing will have to be done, not only by our constituents as a whole, as well as by our youth who will be called upon to forget self and recognized credits for several years yet to come before our denomination ever reaches such a goal. It can be done, but it will take time, money, patience, perseverance, and sacrifice by all for it to be accomplished.

As one with several years' experience with an open Bible and one who has given much fervent prayer unto God in the field of Christian service here in Zion Bible School, I still hold on to the faith in Christian education. With student past experience in the old Ayden Seminary, as a student, and past teaching experience in Eureka College, I have laboured not only here in these respects, but also as a member of the first National Educational Committee who counted the cost and realized that the apple was not then ripe, and I wonder, yet prayerfully trust, that apple is fastly getting ripe for a national school. There are today plenty of men of money, and of talent in our denomination to rebuild our waste and broken down places, and also a college second to none if they would only rise with the spirit and will power of an Ezra, or a Nehemiah. May God help us in every undertaking which shall be to His glory.

Ascriptions of praise to God merit no acceptance if they proceed from hearts that are not inspired with charity toward our fellow-man.—
William H. Seward.

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Report of Sunday School Convention

The twelfth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists met Saturday, October 7, 1939, with New Hope Church, Joelton, Tennessee.

On Friday night a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," was given, with the assistance of the Waggoner quartette. The pageant seemed to be an inspiration to the large crowd that was present.

On Saturday, the Convention opened at 10 o'clock by the president, W. E. Coville, with 15 Sunday School represented either by delegate or letter. The regular program of business was carried on throughout the day.

Brother Coville explained and encouraged all the Sunday Schools to use the 6 point record system in order that all the schools would have the same system of keeping records.

The president appointed a committee on petitions and requested a business committee, finance committee, with the addition of a committee on special efforts.

The Sunday Schools voted that the Convention sponsor a study course similar to the one that was conducted this year.

Since the attendance in our Sunday Schools fall below normal during the winter months, we agreed that an attendance campaign be sponsored by the convention with rules as follows:

The drive to begin Sunday, November 5 and end March, the 4th Sunday, 1940.

Each school sponsor an attendance contest in their local church.

Submit a report at the end of each month to the Corresponding Secretary of convention.

Points to be counted on attendance of members only. Total attendance for month by the number on roll.

A prize to be given, as decided by the executive committee of convention, to the winner.

The Sunday School Convention asked the Association for the first

day of the Association, Wednesday, for convention work. The association granted this privilege so the time has been changed from Saturday before the Second Sunday in October to Wednesday before the third Sunday in October.

The following officers were elected to serve 1939-1940:

W. E. Coville.....President
H. E. Simpson.....Vice-President
D. L. Binkley.....Secy.-Treas.
Miss Allene Reed.....Cor.-Secy.
Huey Gower.....Field Secretary
Isaac Clifton, W. E. Coville, and J. B. Reding, *Executive Committee.*
Delegate to Association, Allene Reed. Three delegates to State association, Huey Gower, Mrs. W. E. Coville and D. L. Binkley.

Number of Sunday Schools in Convention, 17; number of schools representing in convention, 16; Number of pupils enrolled in 15 schools, 1,317; total increase of pupils in 15 Sunday Schools, 103; number of conversions in 15 Sunday schools, 67; number of chapters read by 15 Sunday schools, 143,592; number of daily Bible readers, 110; number who have read New Testament, 42; number who read entire Bible, 7; total amount of money raised in 15 Sunday schools \$1904.26; total amount of money raised in evangelistic campaign, \$94.80; total amount of convention dues, \$67.50.

Respectfully Submitted

Allene Reed,

Corresponding Secy.

Program for Fourth Union

10:00—Union called to order
10:15—Devotional exercises by Rev. Dan Beaman
10:30—Business session
11:30—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
12:00—Dinner
1:00—Called to order and prayer by J. C. Varnell
1:30—Business session
2:15—Sunday School address by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
2:30—Adjournment
Mrs. Alice Cobb,
Mrs. Paul Thigmen,
Mrs. Ray Smith, *Com.*

Flashes from the Field

CLARENCE BOWEN,
Field Secretary State
League Convention

October 18, 1939

SAY, LEAGUERS, how do you like the new "Read the Baptist Campaign" posters? I think they are just the thing we need to get us busy doing something for our church paper.

I know one Junior league superintendent who has determined to win, or help one of her juniors win, the free trip to Camp Leach. She does not mean that she is going to get the subscriptions herself for her juniors, but is going to keep the matter constantly before her league and urge her juniors to do their dead-level best to get all they can. If you have not started, now is the time to get busy!

Somebody may be saying, "We didn't get a poster." Or, "We need one or two more; our church has more than one league." Well, here's what you do and do it right away: write to the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina, and ask for the number you want. They will be sent free of charge. Act quickly! Get busy! There are other prizes than the trip to Camp Leach, read the poster.

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A note from the New Sandy Hill Senior league reveals that they have a wide-awake group there. The secretary informs me that they have walked off with the district league banner three times in succession. Well, what's wrong with the others? This league is in Wilson County.

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Speaking of the District Union League Convention, let me say that this is one organization that is really doing things. Organized about three years ago, they have met regularly and done many worthwhile things. All power to them.

Special

Leaguers, don't fail to co-operate in the National Superannuation Birthday Celebration the first week in December. (See program for December 3).

We want a far better response than last time. Can we count on you?

Till we meet again, 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, North Carolina.

Are We on the Way to Heaven?

A few days ago a minister told me that a girl asked him how one is to be saved. He said that it was a little hard to say, just to give it a thought that would seem easy for her. It seems that a goodly number of people differ on this point, for you see some are thinking one way and some another. My answer to the brother was simply to follow Christ.

Now, how did He say for us to go? He said that He was the way. Well, then which way did He go? The first four gospels will tell you about that way which Jesus says we should go. My advice is for us to do the things which He told us to do. If there is anything in those four books that we do not understand, He said ask of Him. Then, to make safe as to getting to heaven, my advice is to follow His instructions, and do as He said do. If He said "sprinkle" for baptism, do that; if He said to be born of the water, do that also; and, dear people, if you want to be saved, follow Christ, for the way is so plain, that a way-faring man need not err therein. Why is it necessary for people to try to get to heaven? And why is it that so many people will be led astray, when He so plainly said that He was the way.

If New York were heaven, and you wanted to go there, and you had a map of the way, you would avoid following every side road that you came to as you journeyed on to New York. Therefore, my advice is for us to do just as Jesus said for

us to do, and not use so many different ways. If Jesus said for us to be buried in baptism, then do that. If He said for us to wash the saints' feet, then do that. Don't be trying to find some other plan to show your love, but go ahead and do what He said for us to do.

How could the children of Israel have ever crossed the Red Sea, if they had tried some other way than the way pointed out to them by God? Brethren, how can we get to heaven if we do not the things which Christ said for us to do? It does not matter what you have been taught, or what you are following, if you do not follow Jesus, you are going the wrong way. Remember, your evil works will condemn you if you continue to go your own way, and not turn in Jesus' way.

If Christ told you to examine yourself, and eat, He did not mean you would be all right just so you belonged to a certain faith or order. If you belong to a certain order it does not keep you from damnation, not discerning the Lord's body. So, dear people, what I have to say is do what Jesus said do if you want to make sure of the Promised Land.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Elder B. E. Coxwell,
Marianna, Florida

The Woman and the Man Child

By Rev. Sherman H. Oakes,
Rockingham, North Carolina

(Written by request from
Morehead City)

Revelation 12:1-6

In order to understand Revelation we must consider Rev. 1:19, "Write the things which thou hast seen (past) and the things which are (present) and the things which shall be hereafter" (future).

In other words the Book of Revelation is revealing the past, the present, and future. The 12th chapter goes back to the twelve tribes of

Israel and the birth of Christ and also reaches to the coming tribulation which is preparatory arrangements for Christ's reign over all nations.

The woman represents the children of Israel. The crown of twelve stars represents the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. The moon under her feet means the age of conscience was past. The conscience age had no Bible, the law was not yet given. God used the children of Israel to bring forth the Bible and the age of law. Therefore, the moon or darkness was under Israel's feet and she was clothed with light. God used Israel to flood the world with divine knowledge. Therefore they were the only nation chosen by God to produce the Bible and give light to all nations.

The generation of Jesus Christ given in the first of Matthew begins with Abraham and runs thru the Children of Israel.

The reason Israelitish women wanted a man child they knew according to prophecy that Jesus was to be born to Israel and each of them wanted to be his mother. They overlooked the fact that he was to be born of a virgin who knew not a man.

When Jesus was born the dragon of Satan was ready to destroy him, and Herod, the king, had all the children two years and under killed in order to destroy Jesus.

After Jesus was crucified and buried, he arose from the dead and after appearing to many witnesses, he was caught up to the throne of God, where he sits at the right hand of the Father as our mediator until his enemies are made his footstool; and then he will become "King of kings and Lord of lords," and will "rule all nations with a rod of iron".

The dragon has persecuted Israel all these years and will finally try to destroy them in the three and half years' tribulation period. But God will preserve twelve thousand out of every tribe, making a grand total of one hundred forty-four thousand.

The three and half years' tribulation will be shortened. The scripture says, "unless the time be shortened, no flesh shall be saved" and the word tells us that those days will be shortened.

As soon as God finishes the tribulation, the Holy City, New Jerusalem, will come down out of heaven as the capitol city of all nations and the "man child" will become "King of the Jews" and with the Saints have gone before and those caught up in the rapture to meet the Lord in the air, will rule all nations for one thousand years, without Satan, sin, or the curse of sin.

Greenview Church Dedicated

(West Virginia)

We, the Greenview Free Will Baptist Church, desire to state that we have built a nice frame church, which was dedicated last Sunday. A large crowd of several hundred people was present, and enjoyed an all day service. Dinner was spread on the ground.

We had a nicely arranged program which was carried out in a fine way. Several quartets, trios, duets and solos were rendered. They were a lot of fine numbers. Also there were several fine choir and congregational numbers which were sung. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Jeff Thomas. It was ably delivered, and dwelt on the old Gospel. The congregation was interested and attended with great concern to the message. After the sermon came more fine music.

The dedication service came next which was carried out with Rev. John Abbott of Clothier in the lead to the joy and satisfaction of all. Then came adjournment at twelve o'clock for one hour. The great congregation enjoyed the refreshments in a splendid social manner. At one fifteen the crowd gathered again in the church for the evening services which consisted of a number of speeches from several minis-

ters, and others from different parts of Boone and adjoining counties. The different ones who took part in the exercises and speech making were of different denominations, and perfect harmony prevailed. The meeting closed at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the crowd was dismissed, being well pleased with the day's exercises. A collection was taken just before the sermon which amounted to \$200. This was raised to clear off the church debt.

Rev. V. B. Green, *Secy.-Treas.*

The Woman Who Did Her Best

(Continued from page three)

They hold, with stout hearts, silently, life's outpost toward the light;

And God's Almighty roll-call, 'mong the hosts that answer 'Here!' The voices of the good women will sound strong and sweet and clear.

"Good women are brave soldiers; in the thickest of the fight they stand, with stout hearts, patiently, embattled for the right; And, though no blare of trumpet or roll of drum is heard, Good women, the world over, are the army of the Lord.

"Good women save the nation, though they bear not sword nor gun; Their panoply is righteous; their will with God is one; Each in her single person revealing God on earth, Knowing that so, and only so, is any life of worth.

"Don't talk of women's weakness! I tell you that this hour The weight of this world's future depends upon their power; And down the track of ages, as Time's flood-tides are told, The level of their height is marked by the places that women hold."

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Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

Monthly Report of Saint Mary's Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church held its monthly and annual meetings at the church Thursday evening, October 5, 1939. After devotions led by Mrs. W. J. Koonce, Mrs. C. D. Pigott, president took charge of the business session. The minutes, roll call and reports from the circles, treasurer and the various committees were very gratifying.

After some plans had been discussed for the progress of the work, the meeting adjourned to enter into the annual session of the society. The minutes of previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved. The annual reports were rendered as usual and were in keeping with the plans as arranged at the beginning of the year. The treasurer's report showed that the society was interested in the various departments of our State and National program. The report of the secretary gave an itemized account of the various interests of the society also the funds taken in and the manner in which they were used. After all other business had been completed, the president declared all offices vacant, called the secretary to the chair and that it was time to elect new officers for the year.

At the September meeting, it was decided, after a suggestion from one of the members, that a nominating committee be appointed at that time to pray and deliberate on new officers, and be ready with their report at the yearly meeting. This committee was called on for their report and the following were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. C. D. Pigott, re-elected as president; Mrs. E. L. Mallard, 1st Vice-President, who will have charge of Publications and Literature; Mrs. E. W.

Turnage, 2nd Vice-president, in charge of Christian Education; Mrs. J. R. Newton, 3rd Vice-president, in charge of Missions; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 4th Vice-president, in charge of Stewardship; Mrs. Ed Smith, 5th Vice-president in charge of Orphanage work; Mrs. J. G. Flowers, 6th Vice-president, in charge of Superannuation. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, re-elected secretary and Mrs. W. J. Koonce elected treasurer.

We are not supposed to have but five Vice-presidents, according to our National program, but at the North Carolina annual State Convention last May, it was decided to add another, as it was thought best to keep the Orphanage and other benevolences separate, in order that more interest might be aroused by so doing, hence the local society, to co-operate with their State program added the 6th Vice-president.

It is felt that with this set of officers, each one seemingly, keenly alive to her duties, that our work will be more evenly divided and that greater interest may develop thru the leadership of each officer in her specific line of work.

Heretofore for several years, our society has been putting on campaigns at certain times in behalf of the departmental program. This plan is to be continued and the president urged that these vice presidents begin as early as possible to make plans for the various campaigns.

We are hoping, trusting and praying for a united effort in behalf of our entire program and its success.

We realize that all of our help and strength must come from God and that He only has the power to enable us to carry on the work as He would have it done. We earnestly solicit the prayers of Christian people that we may go forward, that our vision of service may be enlarged and that He will give us the wisdom and strength, perseverance and determination to fill our places in such a way that He can bless and get glory unto Himself. Yours in the work.

Alice E. Lupton, Secy.

Love Unsurpassed

We read in God's holy Word
The stories new and old;
The sweetest story ever heard
Is God's great love untold.

His only begotten Son He gave
Upon the cruel cross to die;
This wicked world to save,
To dwell with Him by and by.

Will you, my friend, heed the call,
And give up this world of sin;
Before too late, you eternally fall,
Start now a new life begin.

By Mrs. Heber Strickland,
Bellarthur, N. C.

Sidney Church News

Services were held at Sidney Church on the Third Saturday evening and Sunday morning by our pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten. Due to a previous engagement near Morehead City, Mr. Wooten could not be with us on Sunday evening. In his absence, Mr. J. T. Linton conducted prayer meeting which is always enjoyed by everyone present.

Our pastor asked the deacons to visit or to write each member of the church, as the crowds have been very small, and to get them to attend church next third Sunday evening. This was to stimulate new interest among the members.

Sidney Church members, let us wake up while we have one who is willing to work with us. Remember, our pastor has a very long ride to come to us to preach the Gospel. May we show him that we, too, know that our redeemer liveth, and through faith in Him we can really make our church go, glow and grow. We want your prayers for us at Sidney.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Reporter

Rock of Zion Celebrates Home Coming

The annual homecoming celebration at Rock of Zion was observed at the church on October 1, 1939, at

Grantsboro. The morning services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. D. Wiggs. He delivered a splendid message after which dinner was served on the grounds.

The afternoon program was begun by the choir singing several selections. Mr. Ray Miller sang a solo, "Sunrise in Glory for Me." At two o'clock, Rev. J. L. Hodges, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of New Bern made a splendid talk to the church members.

The homecoming was well attended by a very large number of friends and relatives from various places. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day very much.

By Erma Carmody

A proper opportunity is afforded for us to exercise our charity toward those who are entitled to our sympathies for their own struggles for liberty and independence in foreign lands.—William H. Seward.

Report of Ladies Auxiliary of Second District

The Second Union district auxiliary convention of the Western Association held its Semi-annual meeting on September 21, 1939, with People's Chapel. The theme was: Christian Workers Going Forward. The principal address was delivered by Mrs. R. N. Hinnant. The roll call of the societies showed one hundred per cent present. During the morning session, Rev. J. B. Ferrell gave a very interesting talk on the Orphanage. Rev. R. N. Hinnant spoke briefly on the work of the Aids.

We were honored with some special music by Rev. Hinnant. A beautiful picnic dinner was served by the good people of the community. During the afternoon session some of the young people of the community gave a fine play which was written by Miss Marguerite Harrington. It was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. D. O. Wilder and Mrs. L. W. Stancil gave a splendid talk on Non-Aid Members. Rev. R. N. Hinnant

reported that Friendship Church in Johnston County received the banner for having the best report for the past six months. A collection of \$4 was taken for the Orphanage, and \$2.28 taken out of the treasury, making a total of \$6.28 for the Orphanage.

Mrs. Willie Tippet, *Treas.*

Dear Auxiliary Workers

As I feel so deeply impressed by the Spirit of the Lord, I believe there is something bright ahead for all of us. I do not know how many of your good people were able to attend the State Association at Little Creek Church in September, and heard Brother M. E. Tyson's appeal for the Orphanage, but I hope that everyone who was present for his talk will do her part in helping the Orphanage. Let us all start now and do what we can in the great work for the cause of God. I want to ask each one to see if he or she can make a big show for our New Building by Thanksgiving. We all know that this is a needy cause.

There are coming calls every day for more children to be admitted than we have room in the Orphanage, and we do hate to see them turned down. So, let us put forth every effort possible to see what we can do by Thanksgiving. Anyone who has anything to give on this work, I assure you that it will be greatly appreciated. It will be mentioned through the Baptist paper from time to time.

Again, I am asking all Aid societies to please send in a report of your work to your district director, and then I want her to send to me a report, so we can have a record of our work. There was only one district director who sent me her report last year. Now, let us not let this happen this year, for we want to make a greater showing this year than we did last year. We can do this if we will keep records of our work. Therefore, I hope to get a grand report from each district director before our next State Auxiliary convention convenes.

May I say that this work lies dear to my heart, but I cannot make much headway without your loyal help, so I am asking God's richest blessings to be bestowed upon you all, and I want you to pray for me that I may do whatever His will may be for me in this work.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. J. L. Braswell,
State Director,
108 East Oak Street,
Goldsboro, North Carolina

People's Chapel Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of People's Chapel met in its regular meeting on Saturday, October 7, at the church. The meeting came to order by the Aid members singing a hymn. The scripture lesson was taken from the fourteenth chapter of Luke's gospel, which was read by Mrs. John Winstead. Mrs. T. W. Stancil explained the lesson. A poem was read by Mrs. Isaiah Winstead.

The members decided to study the Book of Programs for the next month. Then the minutes were read and the roll was called with 23 members present, 2 new members and 3 visitors. The activities of the society during the month were: 221 chapters read in the Bible; 53 visits made to the sick; 3 baskets were given; 9 flowers; 11 trays sent to the sick; and 24 quarts of milk given to the needy.

The meeting closed, after all business was transacted, by the members singing a hymn, and being dismissed by Mrs. Stancil in a word of prayer.

Mrs. Graham Langley, *Secy.*

Annual Ladies Aid Report

Annual report of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern, N. C. for year ending September 30, 1939.

Number of members enrolled	45
Inactive	10
New members during the year	7
Church attendance	2,516
Sick visits made	1,364

Social visits made	1,035
Hospital visits made	88
Funerals attended	62
Trays to sick, 216; Fruit and flowers	103
Number chapters read in the Bible	3,806
Number Prayer meetings held with shut-ins	58
Number cards to sick, condolence and strangers	42
Number pages of religious literature, including Baptist paper, distributed	35,528
Groceries to needy, valued at	\$30.70
<i>Amount of funds raised:</i>	
Regular dues	\$ 72.65
Special Dues	19.37
Free Will Offering	12.71
Extra funds	324.60
Total amount during the year	\$429.33

Disbursements

Building and Loan on church debt	\$120.00
Church cleaning	52.00
Foreign missions	26.50
Christian Education, National and Poster	24.35
Orphanage	20.87
Junior Department for orphan child	15.00
Superannuation	5.00
Relief, locally	43.34
Conventions	11.05
Revival services at local church	5.00
Miscellaneous	15.00
Amount used locally	86.33
Total amount spent during the year	\$424.94
Balance in treasury	4.39

Mrs. C. D. Pigott, *Pres.*,
Alice E. Lupton, *Secy.*

Aid Report of Rooty Branch Church

The Aid society met at the church on Friday, October 6, 1939, at 2:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Ed Goodman. There were fourteen members present and six visitors. The program was sponsored by Mrs. R. L. Summerlin. The subject of the lesson was: New Paths for Old

Purposes. The hymn, "Bring Them In" was sung by Mrs. Florence Davis, Mrs. Ed Goodman, and led in prayer at this time.

There were some very good explanations on the subject given by Mesdames Florence Hudson, Mary Price and Pearl Cherry, after which Mrs. Minnie Summerlin offered prayer. Mrs. Dan Jackson, Mrs. Ed Goodman, and Miss Evelyn Best sang special numbers. The program being ended the business session was entered into with the roll called, and the minutes of the last meeting read.

The following activities were as follows: 19 sick visits made; 7 flowers taken to the sick; 2 quarts of milk given to the needy; 5 trays taken to the sick; and one pound of butter. We have read 291 chapters in the Bible.

It was moved and carried that the secretary send this report to the Baptist for publication. The business being ended, the society adjourn to meet with Mrs. Elbert Whitman in Nov. with Mrs. Pearl Cherry, who will be in charge of the program. The meeting was then dismissed by our pastor, Rev. Walter Williams.

Mrs. R. L. Summerlin, *Secy.*

Report of Auxiliary Convention

On Sunday, July 30, 1939, the Ladies Auxiliary convention of the Fourth Union district of the Central Conference met at Saratoga Church. Mrs. Paul Thigpen, the president, gave the address of welcome. Mrs. J. T. Herring made the response. Following the addresses, the president appointed the following committees: Mesdames Noble Owens, Everette and W. M. Jones, *Program Committee*; Finance, Mesdames Ruby Barrett, Sallie Cobb and Dilday.

The visiting ministers were recognized and Rev. Evans responded. An offering was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$9.47. Then Rev. W. L. Hart preached the morn-

ing sermon. It was one full of the old-time gospel.

After a bountiful dinner, the convention re-assembled and we had congregational singing which was led by Rev. Manning. Then the business session was entered into. The roll was called of the societies, and the previous minutes were read. The dues paid in amounted to \$3. Then the program committee made its report which was accepted. It was moved and carried to change the name of the convention to Auxiliary Convention, and to include Sunday Schools and Leagues. Each one is to unite by sending two delegates to the convention. It was moved and carried that each Ladies Aid representing in the convention is to try to raise \$10 by Thanksgiving for the Orphanage Building Fund.

Then the Finance Committee reported that the funds had been equally divided between the Orphanage, Superannuation and Christian Education Funds. The report was accepted. It was decided that Mrs. Thigpen should make an appeal through the Baptist for all the Ladies Aids to join this convention, and help us to go forward in doing the Master's work.

It was decided that since the Sunday Schools and Leagues are to be added that a treasurer should be elected for this would mean a great deal more work to be done in keeping the records of the finance. Mrs. Ruby Barnett was elected to this place. After this a very interesting program was given by the Dilday's Grove Ladies Aid society. The meeting adjourned to meet the next time at Friendship Church in Greene County on the Fifth Sunday in October, 1939.

To those who are wondering why this has not been sent in for publication earlier, I wish to say that I have had so much serious sickness and operations in my family that I did not get to do it. I desire the prayers of all of you that all will soon be well.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. J. T. Herring, *Secy.*,
LaGrange, North Carolina

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Righteousness in the Kingdom

(Lesson for November 5)

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48).

Right Living before God — One has said that there are two parts to the Gospel: the believing part, and the behaving part. How lamentably short most of us fall on the "behaving part!" What stumblingblocks we oftentimes are when we fail to walk in the manner in which his Word indicates that we should walk. Our lives before God and man will be what they ought to be when we obey the following words directive for our daily walk before God and man: "Walk in love"; "Walk as children of light"; "Walk circumspectly" (Ephesians 5:2, 8, 15). Let us show by our lives that we are the children of God. "Thou God seest me." (Read Ephesians 5:11, 12; 1 Corinthians 6:14-18.)

Christian Duties Required—How filled with sunshine and happiness our lives will be when we "do" the things indicated for us in the twelfth chapter of Romans. We mention only two of the simple duties enjoined upon us as followers of Christ: "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality". Somehow, we like the practical faith of the deacon who lives in the Berkshire town, and who was requested to give his prayers in the behalf of a person with a large family who had broken his leg. Said the deacon, "I can't stop now to pray (he was picking and barreling his early apples for the city market), but you can go down into the cellar and get some corned beef, salt pork, potatoes, and butter; that's

the best I can do!" (Read James 2:14-17).—W. B. K.

I. Home Work

1. What was Christ's attitude toward the Law during His lifetime on earth? (Galatians 4:4; 1 Peter 2:21-23).

2. Why did Christ serve as a minister of the Law to the Jews? (Romans 15:8).

3. What was Christ's relation to the curse of the Law? (Galatians 3:13, 14).

4. What effect did His death have upon the relation of the believer to the Law? (Romans 10:4; Galatians 2:21).

5. What kind of righteousness is acceptable before God? (Matthew 5:20; Romans 1:17; 3:22).

6. What was the righteousness of the Pharisees like, as well as all self-righteousness? (Isaiah 64:6).

7. What is the relation of love to the Law? (Romans 13:8-10).

8. What is the Scriptural method of dealing with enemies? (Matthew 5:44).

9. What blessing is promised for helping the poor? (Psalm 41:1-3).

10. What condition accompanies the promise of reward for benevolence? (Matthew 6:1-4).

11. Study the lesson material in our quarterly prayerfully. It is sane and practical. Read Romans 12 this week.

12. Memorize Romans 10:4.

II. Practical Points

This lesson concerns *our conduct in its relation to God and man*. Our Lord reveals that in which God *delights* and that which He *abhors*. It is interesting to study in the Old Testament the things which God abhorred, for the Pharisees of Christ's day were guilty of these same sins (Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 61:8; Amos 5:21-23; Zechariah 8:17). God *hates every action* no matter how good it appears outwardly, which

has a *selfish or insincere motive* behind it. The Pharisees were condemned because they *always put self first*. In their alms-giving, praying, fasting, their motive was utterly selfish. They gave not to bless others, but to win the praise of men; they prayed not for God's blessing on themselves or others, but to extol their own virtues (Luke 18:11, 12) and to be thought holy; they fasted not with spiritual objective, but that others might regard them as being very religious. The conduct in which God *delights* is that which is done for the good of others and for His glory. Jesus teaches us in these lesson verses to put the welfare of others before our own. Their good, their conversion is to be our grand objective. Thus, when smitten (Matthew 5:39), sued at law (vs. 40), compelled by law to do things which are hateful (vs. 41), we must not think of retaliation, but to act in such a kindly, gracious, unselfish spirit (vs. 44), that those who do us wrong will be ashamed and repent of their sin. Our conduct is to be Godlike that we may be known as the children of God (vs. 45). The only way we shall get peace in the home, church, nation, world, is by manifesting God's love to us. "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Romans 5:10). When we show the same loving sacrificial spirit to all who wrong us, we shall make an effective contribution to the peace of the world.—Hedley

SELECTIONS FROM JOHN RANDOLPH

No man ever did get practice in any profession who did not seek it, who did not show a strong desire for it . . . Confidence cannot be forced,—to be itself, it must flow freely, voluntarily; if it do not, it is not confidence, but a base counterfeit; it is sheer hypocrisy . . . Rely upon it, there will never be wanting persons to ask your signature, provided it can be had for the asking. It is a dangerous thing to put one's name to paper.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

BROUGHTON. One year ago today the death angel came and took away the spirit of Waddell Lee, our little grandson, to the beautiful home above. He was nine years, and three months old. We know that he is gone to rest, and will be forever blessed. Some day dear mother will meet you there. We will pull the flowers of God's garden, for we know He will not care.

By his grandmother,
Mrs. L. D. Broughton.

MERCER. Our community was deeply saddened on October 5th, when the death angel plucked from our midst, "Aunt Martilee," as she was known.

Surviving are the following children: William W. Mercer, John W. Mercer, J. C. Mercer, A. J. Mercer, and Miss Julia B. Mercer, also a number of grand children.

Funeral services were held at the home by the Rev. Lloyd Vernon, assisted by the following ministers: G. W. Kennedy, R. C. Kennedy and Stephen Smith. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Mercer was born May 5th, 1885, Duplin County, near Beaulaville. She was a devout Christian, having united with Saracta Free Will Baptist Church in early life and was the wife of the late John William Mercer, a Confederate Soldier in the war between the States, who died 29 years ago.

Mrs. Mercer had a beautiful personality and lived "The Life Beautiful."

This community has sustained a great loss, a kind friend and a good neighbor. No service was too humble, for our deceased, to render to those in sickness or especial need. Our loss is Heaven's gain. The Heavenly Father always knows best.

Ernie Sanderson

PAUL. On Saturday, March 25, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Noah Dixon and took away his niece, Tina Paul.

She was born on March 3, 1894, and died on March 25, 1939, making her stay on earth 45 years, 22 days. She united with the Rock of Zion Church at an early age.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. N. D. Wiggs. Her body

was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers.

The home is sad and lonely,
And there's the vacant chair;
But Jesus knew best for her
And He called her home up there.

Written by Erma Carmody

COWARD. On October 13, 1939 the death angel closed a noble life in the person of Sister Minnie Coward. Her sojourn began thirty-five years ago. Most of her time was spent in noble Christian service as a consistent member of High Hill Church.

She was a faithful wife, a loving and devoted mother of nine children. Eight boys and one girl.

Her death is a distinct loss to her church and community.

The funeral was held at High Hill Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Ben Oliver, and assisted by the Rev. Cullie Poston.

The large crowd that attended her funeral, and the offering of the beautiful flowers were evidences of the high esteem for which she was held by her many friends and acquaintances.

Her life on earth is over,

And her life crown has been won;

May all friends meet her in Glory,

When their work on earth is done.

Written by Louise Moore

Annual Home Coming at Atlantic Christian College

(Probably this will be of interest to several members of our church who are alumni and alumnae of Atlantic Christian College of Wilson.—Editor)

The annual homecoming celebration of Atlantic Christian College will be held Saturday, November 4, according to Mr. Cecil A. Jarman, Secretary of the Alumni Association. At the same time the new chapel, under construction for some time, will be formally opened and set apart for religion, music, and drama. These ceremonies will take place Friday evening, November 3, and continue through Saturday as part of the activities for homecoming.

The program for the day is being arranged by a committee composed of Miss Sadie Greene and Prof. J. M. Waters, together with officers of the Alumni Association. Mr. C. B. Mashburn of Farmville is the president of the Alumni; Mr. F. W. Wiegmann of Dunn, the vice-president; and Mr. J. E. Paschall of Wilson, treasurer. A large crowd of alumni and friends of the college are expected to attend the two events.

E. G. Snyder

News from Rose of Sharon

At our annual conference on Saturday, October 7, the church elected Rev. E. L. Abrams as pastor for another year. He has been with us since 1929 and has proved to be a good pastor and well liked by all of the people. When he came to the church was very weak spiritually and in need of repair.

Thanks be to the Lord we have been able to do a few things for His cause. The church has been repaired and made larger. In February, 1935, Brother Abrams organized a Sunday School with the writer, and our school has been growing for the Lord. We are proud of it. However, we must not let up for there is still a great need in our church and community, and God is depending on us so pray for us at Rose of Sharon.

M. S. Cowan

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The pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten, did the preaching. The services were attended with large crowds each night. Mr. Wooten is known in this section as a successful pastor. His messages were enthusiastically received by the members of Holly Springs, and other people that attended the revival. Many hearts were made glad when 45 accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The baptism was held on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the Old Beulah Bridge.

May we state that the regular services are held the first Saturday and Sunday of each month, and the public is cordially invited to attend these preaching services each month.

Also, we wish to state that the Ladies Aid Society met Saturday afternoon at Holly Springs with Mrs. T. E. Stancil presiding over the meeting. The society rendered a program on "Stewardship." After the program was over, the members entered into a short business session, after which the meeting closed.

(No signature)

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Thurs., Nov. 9,	Marsh Swamp,	Wilson
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Wed., Nov. 15,	Piny Grove,	Johnston
Thurs., Nov. 16,	Rains' X Roads,	Johnston
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Sat., Nov. 18,	Hansleys Chapel,	Durham
Sun., Nov. 19,	Edgemont,	Durham
Mon., Nov. 20,	Barnes Hill,	Nash
Tues., Nov. 21,	Peoples Chapel,	Wilson
Wed., Nov. 22,	Milbourney,	Wilson
Thurs., Nov. 23,	Pleasant Plains,	Johnston
Fri., Nov. 24,	Little Rock,	Wilson
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Man, only, mars kind Nature's plan,
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—Sir Walter Scott

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In the center of the circle
Of the will of God I stand;
There can come no second causes,

All must come from His dear hand.

All is well! for 'tis my Father
Who my life hath planned.

Shall I pass through waves of sorrow?

Then I know it will be best;
Though I cannot tell the reason,
I can trust, and so am blest.
God is love, and God is faithful,
So in perfect peace I rest.

With the shade and with the sunshine,

With the joy and with the pain,
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Stewardship

BY MARY EMMA FELTS, Nashville, Tennessee

Stewardship is the duty of dispensing as an accountable person. Christian Stewardship means that the individual Christian is entrusted with certain things for which he must give an account to Christ. Among these are time, talent, influence, power and wealth.

Time is allotted to man by the Creator. Man cannot create time. He has no power to prolong his days beyond His maker's will. The days of our years are brief, even for the oldest. We live our lives but once. The Bible teaches that we are stewards of our time. An old man grown wise in the costly school of experience says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw night, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). The same author said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest" (Eccles. 9-10). Paul besought the Ephesians and the Colossians to redeem the time or buy up the opportunity (Ephesians 5: 16, Colossians 4:5). We could find numerous passages of Scripture emphasizing the fact that a reckoning will be had with individuals and with groups who abuse or fail to properly utilize their time. The Jews are a case in point. They knew not the day of their visitation. The foolish Virgins could not borrow oil nor call back the wasted hours. The rich fool could not buy one hour in which to prepare to meet God.

"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90-12). This psalm is an exposition on: the brevity of life, the value of time, and the duty to use both of them well. All we know about our days is that they are few, and yet most of us live

as if we expected to abide here always. God has given us just so many days to live. These days are his, not hours, they are ours only to use. It is a great evil to waste the days which God has allotted to us. It is more sinful to waste God's days than to waste God's dollars. To waste time is to waste everything else, character, money, life itself. "Dost thou love life?" asked Benjamin Franklin, "then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

Much time is wasted, some of it worse than wasted, in useless conversation, mere chatter, senseless gossip, frivolous talk are destructive of our days. Some talkers like the brooks, go on forever, and like the brook again carry very little freight.

We sin by our failure to properly appropriation our time. We make a budget for the expenditure of our money. Why should we not budget our time?

A monorach was told at his coronation that he had only a short time to live. "I shall reign worthily while I am permitted to reign", he said, and "if I am emperor for only a half hour, in that half hour I will be every inch an emperor." Every Christian should be every inch a Christian every half hour he is here.

A sense of the stewardship of time will supply every church with willing workers for the various departments.

Passing with their mere mention—the stewardship of wealth, for wealth is power, wealth enlarges influence, and wealth when honestly acquired is by a God-given talent. God is the source and bestower of all we have.

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Among the

things that belong to Caesar were taxes, among the things that belong to God was and is tithes. We have always been conscientious about paying taxes.

Will a man rob God? It is impossible for you to give anything until you have paid the tithes. The tither always has money on hand for the Lord's cause. Appeals for funds never evoke from him the comment, "Too much talk about money for the church." Are you among the large class who imagines that if they were rich they would be conscientious tithers? Do not deceive yourself, if God cannot trust you with ten dollars, neither could he trust you with ten thousand. Some say that money is the acid test for if the Christian Steward is faithful in the administration of his possessions, he is usually found faithful in all things else.

When a banker who handles money uses that money for himself he is termed an embezzler, and is on the road to the penitentiary. How stands your account? Would God's O. K. be put on it, or are you an embezzler in His sight?

A good steward will recognize the fact that he is only a steward of his possessions and not the owner, that God is the real owner. The good steward will pay his tithes, as the minimum, he will practice systematic giving. Intelligent living and giving safeguard all that is entrusted to him knowing that one day, he must give an account of his stewardship. He will develop his talents and remain faithful. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2: 19). Money is standard power. We may go into all the world and preach the gospel while we remain at home. No matter if we ourselves are un-

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EDITORIAL

The National Educational program, headed by Rev. J. R. Davidson, is going forward with increasing interest from all reports. We are glad to see, from the reports coming to the Baptist for publication, that more churches and individuals are falling in line with this educational drive for a standard school. In North Carolina, we are hearing of talks being made in union meetings and district associations favoring the National Educational movement. Also more of the ministers and the local churches are beginning to give the program more concern. It is expected that, during the fall and winter months, these churches will raise funds for this worthy cause.

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It is interesting to see the fine spirit which is being shown by the people in Tennessee for the new orphanage recently opened in their state. Also it is gratifying to know that ministers, Ladies Aid Workers, Leagues, and the laity in other states are showing a fine interest in the new Home for the unfortunate children of Tennessee. Brother Stanley is a fine man for the superintendency of the work there, and it is hoped that the institution will progress in a splendid way under his management. This institution should become in a few years a great benefaction to hundreds of helpless children in that state. It would seem to right thinking people that no one can justly withhold the necessary support from needy orphans, and feel that he is doing his duty. God's Word teaches that we should not neglect the orphans.

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Loyalty and sacrifice to honest convictions and worthy causes are to be commended highly by everyone. In particular do we have in mind here the Zion Bible school at Blakely, Georgia. The zeal, determination and faithfulness, on the

part of Rev. T. B. Mellette, as leader in this school for a decade, is praiseworthy, to say the least, and should receive, we believe, thanks from the ministry and the church at large for his perseverance in the cause of education. Almost single handed, and with great obstacles confronting him in the work year after year, he has battled on with that spirit of loyalty to the cause of education for the ministry of our church. With but little help financially, and with poor encouragement from the church people as a whole, T. B. Mellette has stuck to his convictions in doing what he could to teach the few who have attended Zion Bible school the Word of God. The good that shall result in years to come from the lives that he has influenced in the school from his efforts cannot be reckoned in material things. Time only will tell what good Zion Bible school has accomplished through the faithfulness and loyalty of a man who paid the price of loyalty to a noble purpose. But there have been men in the past who stood alone, and worked alone for years on a principle next to their hearts until success finally crowned their efforts with much joy. Let us hope that God will in his own good time crown Rev. T. B. Mellette's efforts with great success and a joy that shall fill his heart.

Recent News Concerning Rev. S. H. Styron's Condition

Dear Baptist Readers:

It seems that Mr. Styron's condition changes little for the better. He has a better appetite and can sit up some, but when these attacks come on, he is pretty near exhausted by the time the medicine takes effect. He has days when he seems fine, and talks, and enjoys company. He has days he cannot see anyone

except the family. Yesterday (Sunday) he was better all day, and at five this morning one of these attacks came on him, and when he quiets down, he lies there completely done for the remainder of the day. It seems that every other day he is better, but I feel that this trouble is growing worse, and he does too.

He is supposed to begin treatment this week in Goldsboro under the care of Dr. Ivey, if he is able to ride back and forth. If we find that he cannot do this, he will have to go to Duke. He seems to be too weak to make the trip back and forth to Goldsboro, and unless he improves rapidly he cannot go and come. It would be cheaper and he would be home, and that is why we have investigated the treatment at Goldsboro.

One of the things we cannot understand is why this condition has come upon us. At first it worried me to think of his condition, I would think he would get better. I had faith to believe the Lord would relieve the conditions, and he would get healed, and then I would brave up and feel like he would be all right. But when one goes through seven weeks like he has suffered none of you would be able to feel like you did when you started.

He has applied faith and has called for the Elders to pray and anoint him. He has requested prayers from others. He has exercised faith, and hates to give up at the age of 48 years old.

I haven't completely given up hope. I am praying for God's will to be accomplished. It is hard and I cannot understand, but then I think I am not supposed to understand. I am trusting that there will be a way provided, and God will take care of the situation. I have to be brave all the time, but occasionally I have to break down in his presence when he has these terrible headaches. I am still trusting and praying, and exercising faith that he will be relieved, but if he can't I trust his suffering will be short.

I still ask your prayers, and he is requesting them too. We still re-

ceive nice letters, cards and messages. He has received over 600 cards, letters, get well cards, and telegrams. This past week-end the Union meeting of the Eastern Association sent him an offering by Mr. Cadmus Coats. The Western sent one by Mr. Fred Pittman. We certainly appreciate every cent that the good people has sent to him. Also we wish to thank the people for the kind things they have done to help him during these dark hours, not only the cash donations but also the food and flowers.

Pray on, for we are reminded of this, "There is nothing impossible with God."

Mrs. S. H. Styron,
Pine Level, North Carolina
The Missionary

Far from the land that gave him life
and name

He makes his home, amid an alien
race.

He comes, not seeking worldly
wealth or fame,

But by a mandate from the
Throne of Grace—

"Go forth to all the nations of the
earth,

Bearing glad tidings of the Sav-
iour's birth."

A man like other men, not set apart
As one above the common human
plane;

He, too, is subject to the tempter's
art;

He, too, is burdened by life's
stress and strain—

Yet feels himself preserved from
worldly harms

Supported by the Everlasting Arms.

Day in, day out, he labors—oft in
vain;

Stony the ground and thorny
where he sows.

Perchance some other hand will
reap the grain

Sprung from the seed he dili-
gently bestows.

He only labors on and is content;

Happy to go the way the Saviour
went.

Where sin and ignorance hold bale-
ful sway,

Or superstition grips men in its
thrall,

He strives to guide their steps into
the way

That leads to Him who lived and
died for all.

"Come unto Him, ye burdened and
oppressed,

Come unto Him, and He will give
you rest."

And some there are who lend an
eager ear

To catch the message that new
hope imparts;

While others stand aloof or mock
and jeer

Because it finds no echo in their
hearts;

Yet, all alike are human souls in
need,

The sheep that Jesus once bade Pet-
er feed.

—Selected.

Missionary Beatitudes

Blessed are missionaries of the
Gospel, for to them is given the
promise of the presence of Christ
Matthew 28:19, 20).

Blessed are the sowers of the
Word of God, for they all shall
abundantly rejoice (Psalm 126:6).

Blessed are those who turn many
to righteousness, for they shall shine
forever (Daniel 12:3).

Blessed are those who give to help
forward the Kingdom of God, for
these have the approval of the Sav-
iour (Acts 20:35).

Blessed are they who give up loved
ones for the service of Christ,
for they shall have eternal compensa-
tions (Matthew 19:29).—*Record
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Edgewood Revival

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tober, and for ten days, there was
a series of a most spiritual, soul-
stirring revival services conducted
at Edgewood Church by Rev. P. C.
Wiggs. There were sixteen souls
saved during the meeting. Three
more took membership with the

church. What a wonderful revival
we did have! We certainly do
appreciate the co-operation of the
neighboring churches, and our pas-
tor, L. B. Manning in the meeting.
Please pray for us at Edgewood that
we may do more for the upbuilding
of the kingdom of God.

Mrs. A. L. Summerlin

I've Found a Friend

By Rev. J. G. Small

I've found a Friend, oh, such a
Friend!

He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus He bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely
twine

Those ties that nought can sever,
For I am His and He is mine,
Forever and forever.

I've found a Friend, oh, such a
Friend!

He bled, He died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But His own self He gave me.
Nought that I have my own I call,
I hold it for the Giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my
all,

Are His, and His forever.

I've found a Friend, oh, such a
Friend!

All power to Him is given,
To guard me on my onward course
And bring me safe to heaven.
The eternal glories gleam afar
To nerve my faith endeavor;
So now to watch, to work, to war,
And then to rest forever.

I've found a Friend, oh, such a
Friend!

So kind and true and tender,
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender!
From Him who loves me now so well
What power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death, or earth or hell?
No, I am His forever.

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Educational Notes

By J. R. Davidson,
Bryan, Texas

Last week it was my privilege to attend another of our State Associations. Rev. R. C. Wiggs and wife Mrs. Davidson and I left Bryan Tuesday morning, October 17, and drove up to Wewoka, Oklahoma, arriving late in the afternoon. Very soon after our arrival Rev. B. F. Rogers, pastor of the church, invited us into the basement of their new brick church building for the evening meal, which had been prepared by the good sisters. After enjoying the refreshments and a splendid period of fellowship with a number of the brethren, the 1939 session of the Oklahoma State Association was called to order. A splendid period of devotional service, including a fine program of song and testimonial services, was enjoyed by a splendid congregation, after which the Rev. Dr. Yandell delivered the associational message by speaking on the subject of, "The Identity of the Church." This was a powerful and scholarly message.

Wednesday morning nine o'clock found us back in the church in another splendid praise service, and after the welcome address and the response the business session was duly opened. The officers were elected in an orderly Christian way, and the body was soon led by their very efficient moderator, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, into the business which pertained to the plans of the Oklahoma brethren's part in building the Kingdom. It was encouraging to note a good spirit of love and Christian fellowship prevailing. Well, as people grow more spiritual bickerings and confusion disappear. It was indeed a pleasure to fellowship with the brethren of our sister state, although we felt compelled to leave after the Wednesday night session.

My visit to Oklahoma was made in interest of our National Educational Program, and I am glad to be able to say that the trip was not

made in vain. We were received with open hands and hearts, and some of the pocket books were opened while we were there. The brethren added quite a little to their cash record, while others pledged themselves by writing on the dotted line; still others gave verbal pledges. Some of the fine ministers came to me and turned over some cash and said, "Brother Davidson, I am going home and get this important matter before my churches." When all of our ministers, in all the states, get this spirit working in their bosoms we will put this proposition over in a creditable way.

We wish to extend special thanks to the moderator, Brother Dearmore, and his associate workers, for the many kind considerations extended while we were with them in their state meeting. Also our thanks is tendered to the program committee for having given us a special worship hour to speak to their great body. God bless all of you, and may His richest of blessings rest with you, speeding you to greater success in His Kingdom's work.

Quite a few people have written in to place their approval on the Greenville, Tennessee property, of late. Have you done your duty in this connection? If not, why not get that off hand before you forget it? Just a postal will do.

A communication just came in a day or two ago from Brother E. C. Morris, of Elizabeth City, N. C., in which he says that he had just returned from the Western Association of North Carolina. He states that our National School Movement was duly discussed, and that great interest was manifested. That is the proper approach to putting the program over. Let every one of our assemblies begin to give our educational program a special place in all their programs, and we will soon be able to go over the top with a bang. A persistent program of agitation along this line would work wonders. Brethren, one and all,

will you align yourself with this great movement?

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We are expecting to be able to make still larger reports from these states in the not too far distant future. Suppose, however, all the churches of South Carolina and Georgia had done even as much as these have done, the figures would be very interesting, would they not? Don't let any one feel that their gifts will be too small to help, for it will take the small ones and the larger ones to put over the work which we have before us. Oh! if only all churches in the nation had done as well as those which have responded, we could be looking on dreams materialized now. Brother! will you not lay hold with us now and let's put this proposition over in a creditable way?

Stewardship

(Continued from page three)

taught, our money creates us teachers of men.

What kind of Christian steward are you?

(This was given by Miss Felts, who is a member of the East Nashville F. W. B. L. at the Cumberland Association League Convention held at the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church.)

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Some Teaching Russellism—First may I say, that their greatest aim is to sell books. If you say "No" they will give you books. But what do these books teach? Their teaching is absolutely contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. According to Mr. Rutherford, (a convert of Russell), Martin Luther, Calvin, the Wesleys, Spurgeon, Moody, and every minister of every denomination for all time past knew not the Scriptures. He sums up "The Clergy" in his own words as being "deceivers." He and his Father Russell have a monopoly on Bible Knowledge and he is the *sole interpreter of the Bible*. This is enough alone to make any Christian, or any thinking person say "No" when this doctrine comes to his ears. But they deny the Holy Trinity—the Godhead Bodily. They say there is "no hell but the grave." They deny the resurrection of the body of Christ. In fact they deny every fundamental doctrine, almost, as taught by the church of Jesus Christ. They would destroy every church in the country. They support no Orphanages. The orphan child has found no home through Russellism. Their aim is to sell books that shatter the faith of the weak. If you destroy churches you destroy the home of *thousands of helpless Orphan Children*. Can a work that destroys good, robs children of the necessities of life, and takes away the places of worship, be of God? *Russellism* is the opposite of the *Church of Jesus Christ*. God's Word is against Russellism.

False Prophets—"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Speaking lies in hypocrisy" (1 Timothy 4: 1, 2). "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false

prophets are gone into the world" (1 John 4:1). Note that John calls a "false spirit, a false prophet." "Hereby knew ye that the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God" (1 John 4:2). There are many of the new religions of today that deny "Jesus Christ in the flesh." Many of these false spirits deny the Trinity of God. But John says, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (1 John 5:7). John says that there "*are three that bear record in heaven.*" Three make a *trinity* and I will take John's word in preference to any false prophet. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

The Devil's Doctrine—Any doctrine that denies the virgin birth of Jesus Christ; His substitutional and vicarious suffering; His bodily resurrection: His literal coming again to receive His church to Himself, and to put down the works of the Devil for ever; the eternal joy of the righteous, and the eternal misery and torment of the wicked, is not of God and therefore it is of the Devil.

Our Redemption—"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers: But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God" (1 Peter 1:18-21).

I will accept what Peter says—in fact I did accept it thirty-five years ago. As the Psalmist says, "I am fixed" and as Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1: 12). Thank God, you can get so fixed in Jesus that you do not have to "run after every wind of doctrine" ever trying to find the truth, for you may "know the truth and the truth shall make you free. The reason that people run after every thing that comes along, is that they have not known Christ, and therefore, they are restless, shiftless, miserable, faithless, worthless professors, "ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth." "Search the scriptures," says Jesus. Don't take man's word. Listen to God.



Report of Revival

Rev Lenton Johnson, of Alma, Georgia began a revival meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi on October 3, 1939. From the very first service great interest was shown. The meeting continued for nine days with large crowds each service. One of the outstanding services was held on Sunday afternoon October 8th. at 2:30 o'clock. This service was dedicated to the young people. A great number was present.

We feel that Brother Johnson's work here has meant much to the youth of the church. During the services the church was revived in a great way. Many church members confessed and re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. There were eleven additions as a result of the meeting. Eight were baptized and three received from other churches.

We want Brother Johnson to visit the church again and trust as he grows older he will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Ruby Johnson

A Hint to the Wise

By Clinton Lupton,
Bayboro, N. C.

"If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door" (Genesis 4:7).

"Why is it?" many minsters are asking, "I see so little fruit of my labors?" "Why is it," many Sunday school teachers are asking, "that I see so few converted in my Sunday school class?" Many Christians say, "I make so little progress in my Christian life." Both ministers and churches are asking "Why the church of Christ makes so little headway against unbelief, error, sin and worldliness?" "Why there are church doors completely closed and many church buildings sadly in need of repairs?" Surely when circumstances similar to these exist, that is not doing well. Can it be that "sin lieth at the door?"

If "sin lieth at the door," it is because (1) There is a devil. He is cunning, he is mighty, he never rests and he is ever plotting the downfall of the child of God and God's works. The devil is persistent in his efforts to cast inducements both visible and invisible before man and many are the times that he succeeds in ensnaring his victim. Now reader when Satan is victorious in one's life even in the slightest respect, and we do not well, where should the blame be placed? Surely not upon the assailant, because we have been warned. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world." We have also been instructed by God's holy word just how to live the victorious life. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

If "sin lieth at the door," it is because, (2) That one fails to take unto himself the whole armour of God, but only takes part of it, that their fellowman might see, and judge them to be soldiers of the cross. But

alas when the evil day comes upon them, there is little or no resistance and Satan begins piercing them with all the fiery darts of the wicked, which consists of petty jealousies, selfishness, back biting, envies, etc. and with no opposition his assaults are victorious. Yet another class makes an armour for themselves and does not take unto them the armour that God has provided. How awful the fate of such people, not only are their lives filled with doubt, and service in His name a failure, but the great tragedy of the dying hour is beyond expression.

"If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." It is not necessary for me to suggest the nature of such sins, even if time and space would permit. Remember, God will not shower blessings over a sin regardless how trifling it may be. Sins have to be removed, and that life cleansed from all unrighteousness, before God will prosper that life in His service. "If thou doest not well," it may be some sin in the present life, that is very likely not even looked upon as a sin, but there the sin is, hidden away in the heart or life. Any one who is not doing well in God's service should not conclude to just let it drift along that way, but should go along with God, with the Psalmist's prayer, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wickedness in me."

Revival at Pilgrim's Rest Church

I want to tell our Baptist readers that we have thoroughly enjoyed a fine revival meeting here at our church.

On Sunday afternoon October 15, Brother Herman Wooten came to be with us and preached for us that night. The next night Brother W. L. Jernigan came to conduct our meeting for us as Brother Wooten had to leave us on Thursday morning. The meeting closed Sunday night, October 22, 1939.

Brother Jernigan preached some wonderful sermons, we feel that he is a God sent man.

Our meeting was surely a spiritual one. Christians were made to rejoice and still our hearts were made sad because there were so many who did not accept Christ as their Saviour and we pray Heaven's sweetest blessings upon these three.

We all enjoyed having Brother Jernigan in our midst and we are hoping he may be with us lots in the future. It seems as though every body liked him very much. He took well with the young folks, the old folks, the Christians and nonChristians. May the Lord Bless Him in his great work.

We ask the prayers of all Christian people that our church may grow and prosper in days to come.

Humbly submitted.

Mrs. Beatrice Lupton,
Lola, North Carolina

Do You Read the "Baptist"?

By C. T. ADAMS,
Vice-President League,
Hansley's Chapel,
Sharron Acres

I am sure by this time that every leaguer knows what the "Read the Baptist Campaign" means. The members of Hansley's Chapel are in the contest wholeheartedly as they always try to be, to the furtherance of Christ's kingdom. I hope that all churches have entered this race enthusiastically, and the aim of every working Leaguer will be to interest every member who does not take the paper, to subscribe for it, and I hope when the race is won that our Baptist paper will find a hearty welcome in every member's home.

We who take the "Baptist" and know what it is must boost it. We must make it so interesting, to those who do not take it, and to those who do take it, but don't have time (so they say) to read it, that they will be interested. We must tell them about the wonderful news our paper contains and how much it would mean to them. First of all, we who are planning to boost, must know

what we boost. To hold up a Saviour to a sinner, we must know that Christ and what He means to us. Just so, when we tell someone about the Free Will Baptist paper, let's make it so interesting that they will be eager to get their paper, just as the sinner becomes anxious to behold the Sacrificial Christ, as the one who knows about Him shows the way.

May this Scripture verse inspire us to do our very best during this, "Read the Baptist Campaign": "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).

God Can Heal

Greetings to the Baptist Readers:

I am so glad that we have one in whom we can trust and depend upon, one who never fails us when we meet conditions hard to bear. I have tried Him for about forty years, and He has never failed me yet. If there shall be any failing to be done, it will be on my part.

Just this year he has taken three cancers off the left side of my face, and I do thank and praise Him for curing my face. I am so glad that I have learned to trust Him. I am not completely well in body now, and I want you to pray to the Lord that He may completely heal me. I want to be an overcomer both soul and body. I want to be just what the Lord wants me to be.

Yours in His great name,

Amanda Price,
Selma, N. C.

Announcement

The Alabama State Association will meet at Mount Harmony, six miles west of Vernon, on Thursday night, December 7, at 7:00 p. m. It will last through December 9, and all associations in Alabama are requested to represent to this state body.

For the last few years this has been the Alabama and Mississippi Association. Mississippi has enlarged so that it is having now its own associational work, and Ala-

bama is also having its own work.

Let us make it one of the greatest state meetings by sending delegates from all churches, and quarterly meetings and associations. We are asking all ministers to see that delegates are elected, and that announcements be made in all of our churches.

Rev. M. E. Carpenter, *Mod.*,
Rev. W. H. Ryland,
Field Secretary

Gossip

Let these our last few days
Be patient, for it pays;
Living together without gossip
Truly 'tis the only safe way.

Gossip, things unworthily said,
Has robbed many a home;
Relatives, some of them will talk
And cause many to roam.

Dear people, young and old,
Get down and read your Bible;
To know the truth it holds,
And say I too will be reliable.
Mrs. Heber Strickland

Abounding Provision

"I shall not want"—Psalm 23:1

These words are as firmly linked to the clause which precedes them. "The Lord is my shepherd," as consequence is to cause. With the Shepherd leading on in front of him, and "goodness and mercy," like two faithful watch-dogs, following hard behind him, David was as certain that he would not want anything here, as he was that he would dwell in the house of the Lord hereafter. (Compare John 10:4; Psalm 23:1 and 6).

Now, if for the moment we regard Psalm 23 as a sweet-toned instrument, and Faith as the hand which plays upon it, we shall find that it yields most exquisite sweetness. What is it that "I shall not want"? The finger of Faith runs over the keyboard and brings out twelve distinct notes. Listen to them:

I shall not want *Rest*, for He maketh me to lie down.

I shall not want *Refreshment*, for He leadech by still waters.

I shall not want *Preservation*, for He restoreth my soul.

I shall not want *Guidance*, for He leadech me.

I shall not want *Peace*, for I will fear no evil.

I shall not want *Companionship*, for Thou art with me.

I shall not want *Comfort*, for Thy rod and staff comfort me.

I shall not want *Sustenance*, for for Thou preparest a table.

I shall not want *Joy*, for Thou anointest my head.

I shall not want *Anything*, for my cup runneth over.

I shall not want *Happiness* now, for goodness and mercy shall follow me.

I shall not want *Glory* hereafter, for I shall dwell . . . forever.—*Ex.*

The Light of a Christian

The only way the Gospel that some folks ever receive,

Is by the Christian light that they in others see;

Through this blessed light in others helps them to believe

The truth of the Scriptures as was written on the faces of these.

The kindness and sweetness that's seen in a Christian's life,

May to sinners be their only view of Christ;

It has a great influence over a sinner's terrible strife,

And often they find the Saviour by the radiance of His light.

For the sake of those who for religion are indifferent and cold,

And do not read God's Word in the Holy Bible as it is told;

Praise God! for Christians so mighty and bold,

Who send a light to the lost that can never unfold.

Miss Beverly Coburn,
Jamesville, N. C.

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Women's Aux. Dept.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
President National Convention,
61 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.

District Auxiliary Convention of Central Texas

The District meeting of the Ladies Work met Wednesday, October 4, with Bryan Church. This being the third meeting of its kind in this part of the state, everyone seemed well pleased with the interest shown. The welcome address was given by Mrs. W. O. Withers of Bryan, a response followed. President Mrs. Dela Lawlis of Midway taking charge. Reports were received from the following churches: North Zulch, Bright Light, Pine Grove, Plain View, Edge and Bryan.

One of the outstanding features of this meeting was the appointing of two field-workers, with their expenses paid to further this cause along. These were Mrs. R. C. Wiggs of North Zulch, and Mrs. Charles Moehlan of Bryan. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The different committees were appointed. Special music was then rendered. The 11:00 o'clock services were turned over to Rev. R. C. Wiggs of North Zulch. His subject was Stewardship of Opportunity. Any one present could say justice was given this subject. Scripture lesson was read from Matthew 25: 14-30. Rev. Wiggs declared in his sermon that never before was the opportunity any greater for the church, for the denomination, for the ladies work and even for the individual than now.

He tells us how we are letting our opportunities slip by as a church, this on account of not having the lost at heart more, and by not giving God the best. The remedy and the only one he declares would be to live for Jesus. He then brought his audience to tears when he told how Jesus was made to weep over a city that let their opportunity pass, and he will do the same for

Bryan or any other city in this day.

Rev. Wiggs then said it is essential for God's children to get on the mountain top, but there is lots to be done in the valley. The body was then shown the many sinful places on the highways, in the cities and everywhere, that were offering allurements to our youth, and he pleaded as church women, as God's children, to offer greater things to entertain our youth, to put on great church programs, to have a wide awake church.

Rev. Wiggs did not forget to encourage the ladies for their loyalty and advancement made in their work, but says truly the harvest is white and the laborers are few. Then let this poem be used as a watchword.

*"Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power—
A battle cry, a flaming breath—
That calls to conquest or to death—
A word to rouse the church from rest,*

*To heed her Master's high behest.
The Call is given: Ye hosts arise!
Our Watchword is—Evangelize!*

*The glad Evangel now proclaim,
Through all the earth, in Jesus' Name,*

*This word is ringing through the
skies—*

Evangelize! Evangelize!

To dying men, a fallen race,

*Make known the Gospel of God's
grace,*

*The world that now in darkness lies.
Evangelize! Evangelize!*

Lunch was then served in the building by the Bryan ladies. Here we must pay due respect to the ladies of Bright Light Church which is only about ten miles out of our city for bringing well filled baskets. It seems that the Ladies of Bright Light Church can always think of the right things at the right time. Thanks a lot. The lunch hour was indeed a joyful one.

The afternoon session began at 1:15 o'clock. Devotions were led by Mrs. C. S. Parker from Midway. Business was taken up immediately.

A favorable report was given by the vice president, but we do hope to get a more complete report at our next district meeting. The treasurer then gave her report. A collection was taken up to send to the young minister, Brother Aston D. Pegues, who is now in school. This was \$10.00 for which we were very proud. The convention then voted to have one hundred and fifty report blanks printed.

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs brought a message on Stewardship of time. Truly, every one who missed this, missed a feast for their souls. She declared that time was something that everybody had, you can use it, enjoy it, spend it, lose it, waste it, kill it, but you can't put it up and save it for it just won't keep, so she urges us to make use of our time. Now, today, Mrs. Wiggs tells us she has found by actual experience one can do almost just what they want to do, so she urges everyone to spend their time for God's service, be a soldier for God, be on time, fill any office that is assigned to you to fill and do it well. Give of your time to the Master and he will bless you.

Mrs. George Lawlis of Huntsville then sweetened the talk given by Mrs. Wiggs, also the sermon by Rev. Wiggs by an address on Stewardship of Substance. Mrs. Lawlis showed and proved to the group one can not be a true Christian and separate themselves and their substance. She impressed each one that not only a part of their substance belonged to God, but he holds the wealth of the land in his hand. Mrs. Lawlis is a devout tither and really made others see the need of tithing, and that when we tithe we have only paid God what belongs to him.

She then tells us we each must be responsible for the substance God has blessed us with, be sure to give and give willingly, cheerfully and prayerfully. She closed by saying, remember, God wants our best.

The next session of the Convention meets with North Zulch on Wednesday after the first Sunday in April.

Mrs. P. K. Trant, Reporter

Mission Directors Take Notice

Dear Co-Workers:

Please send to me your name and address for I at last have a proposition to put before you, or in other words a task for you.

This notice is to every Mission Director or 3rd Vice president of the various districts in North Carolina. Act quickly as I am sure we all desire to have a good report to take to our various conventions next spring. Just a penny post card is all you need to furnish me with your name and address, also the District you are in. Just as soon as I get your card, furnishing me with the information I have asked for, I will mail you my proposition.

Yours to serve as *State Third*

Vice-President,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,
Bridgeton, N. C.

An Appeal to the First Vice-Presidents

As first vice-president of the Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina. I am calling attention to the fact that the first vice-president of each district auxiliary convention must co-operate with me in my personal letter to them regarding the nature of their duties and obligations.

If for any reason the First Vice-Presidents of any of these auxiliaries have been changed, I shall deeply appreciate it if those to whom such letters were sent will put them into the hands of the right ones, as this is very important if we are to make any progress in our work of publications and religious literature.

I am sending this appeal through our paper to each First Vice-President of the various districts that in turn I secure the names of the local 1st vice president and instruct them as to manner of work and when to make their reports to them. I'm trusting that I shall have the full support and co-operation of each officer and that all local First

Vice-Presidents will report to their district first vice-president in time that they can furnish me with complete report by April 1st 1940.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of Mount Tabor Church met at the home of Mrs. T. F. Davenport in October. The meeting was called to order by the president.

The business was then entered into, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the secretary called the roll with 13 members present, and with a collection of \$2.56.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: flowers taken 3; sick visits made 47; milk given to sick 1 quart; chapters read in the Bible 264.

The meeting closed with Mrs. Sarah Holmes pronouncing the benediction. We will meet again on November 7 at the home of Mrs. Alton Furlough.

The hostess served a sweet course with hot coffee.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough, *Cor.-Secy.*

Notice to Ladies Aid of Western North Carolina

Realizing the women have an important place to fill in the church, and that a great work is being laid out before them through the medium of organization and co-operation, it has been resolved by the ladies to try to organize a Ladies Aid Society in each local church. The aim and purpose is to create greater interest and activity in the Lord's work.

Being Field worker for the Ladies Auxiliary convention of the Western Association, I am very anxious to help organize a society in each local church. Having been elected last April, I have only been called upon but once.

I received the information from our convention secretary that only

about half of our churches in the Western Association reports to our auxiliary convention. What is the trouble? Are our pastors and Christians of the church failing to do the things we should? Let's wake up and get to work and see how many societies we can organize by our next Convention which will be held in April. I am ready to help you, so get in touch with me, and I will give you the date in which I can work with you.

Yours in His Service,

Mrs. Major D. Williams,
Field Worker, Western Assn.,
Princeton, N. C., Route 2

Arapahoe Church News

Home-coming Day, Sunday, October 22, was a very enjoyable occasion. Many old friends and members from other places were present.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington brought an excellent message Sunday morning. Special music was rendered by Messrs. Jones, Avery, Register and Jones. Dinner was served picnic style, and every one seemed to enjoy it.

After dinner we had interesting talks by Rev. Wetherington and Mr. C. K. Dunn and some more special music.

Rev. Wetherington delivered his farewell sermon. He is leaving us for other fields after having served our church for three years. We are sorry to give him up. He has been a very good worker among us. During his three years here, we have built five nice Sunday School rooms and made other improvements. Our Sunday School has grown and our church attendance has increased.

He leaves us with our good wishes and sincere prayers that God will give him victory in other fields.

Rev. Randall Bennett will be our new pastor. We welcome him into our midst.

We are asking the prayers of all Christian people.

(No signature)

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Rose Hill News

We had such a good revival at Rose Hill last week I wished to write to the paper about it. Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston did some wonderful preaching. It only lasted from Monday night until Friday night, but it certainly was a spiritual feast for God's children. It was food to my soul and I'm sure it was to others.

There were about twelve who confessed Christ as their Saviour. All who read this we humbly ask of you your prayers for these young tender sheep that they may not fall.

God is blessing us wonderfully this year especially our Sunday School. We want your prayers for Mr. Rice, too, that God may strengthen him spiritually and physically as he goes from place to place feeding the children of God and seeking the lost. Also the pastor Rev. W. B. Nobles desires your prayers. You who read this do well to visit our church and to listen to Mr. Rice's program over the radio every week day at 8:30 a. m. and every Sunday at 9:00 a. m. over Kinston station. You'd appreciate his programs more though if you could see him in person and hear him preach.

Love for the cause,
Mrs. Marion Mills
Greenville, N. C.
Route 2

Union Meeting

According to appointment the Fourth Union met with Saratoga Church, Wilson County, July 29, 1939.

The Union was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional services by Rev. M. E. Tyson, and prayer by Brother Earnest Baker.

On motion the visiting Brothers and Sisters were invited to seats with us.

The following committee appointed: *Finance*, A. J. Gardner, Earnest Baker, W. J. Cobb; *Temperance*, J. F. Abrams, Jesse Cobb, Seth Owens; *Sabbath School*, Mollie Pittman, W. H. and Turner Webb; *De-*

votional, Jesse Proctor, Sisters Burruss and Jones; *Program*, Sisters Thigpen, Smith, Cobb; *Orphanage*, Sisters Smith, Webb, Sam Galloway. Ministers present, M. E. Tyson, W. L. Hart, E. L. Abrams. Licensed, W. F. Newell.

List of Churches: Watery Branch, not represented; Walnut Creek, by letter, \$2.00; Antioch, not represented; Free Union, L. H. and Roy Heath, \$4.00; Friendship, J. C. and W. J. Cobb, \$3.00; Harrells Chapel, Rev. W. L. Hart, \$2.00; Spring Branch, Sam Galloway, \$2.29; Saratoga, Sisters Burruss and Owens, \$3.00; Owens Chapel, Earnest Baker, \$2.50; Aspin Grove, A. J. Gardner, \$2.00; Daniels Chapel, Sister Pittman and Son, \$2.00; Ottis Creek, W. H. Webb, and wife, \$2.00; Dilda Grove, Mrs Ray Smith, \$1.50; Edgewood, Turner Webb, J. F. Abrams, \$2.00; LaGrange, not represented; River Side, W. R. Williams, \$2.00; Bland's Chapel, not represented; Total received \$30.29.

On motion we call off preaching and dinner. Rev. M. E. Tyson brought us a good message at eleven o'clock.

Afternoon

Congregational singing, prayer by Brother J. M. Strickland.

Temperance endorses same report Sabbath School recommends same report.

Treasurer's report on hand, nothing.

Received at this union-----	\$30.29
Received for retired min. ---	1.00
Paid Spring Branch Ch.-----	10.00
Paid Friendship Church-----	10.00
Paid clerk -----	5.00
Paid Printing Press -----	1.00
Paid Orphanage -----	4.29
Total paid out -----	\$30.29
Balance in Treasury, nothing.	

Rev. E. L. Abrams brought a good message on the betterment of the union.

A collection was taken for the benefit of the Orphans amounting to \$7.00.

The petition was taken for the next union and it was voted to convene with Friendship, Greene County, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1939.

Rev. P. C. Wiggs is to preach the introductory, Rev. W. L. Hart on his failure.

On motion we extend a vote of thanks to Saratoga.

On motion we close until next time in course. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Hart.

Rev. M. E. Tyson, *Moderator*,
R. R. Bailey, *Clerk*, *Treas.*

A Request

1. Send all articles for publication in on time.
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Putting God's Kingdom First

(Lesson for November 12)

Lesson: Matthew 6:19-34.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness*" (Mat. 6:33).

By the "Kingdom of God" is meant His rule and sway. By His "righteousness" is meant that which He reckons, counts and calls right. To seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness is to be the supreme quest of the disciple; it is to be the chief and all-absorbing aim and pursuit of his life. In short, God's children are to set their hearts upon the things of God and the promotion of His interests. The promise or assurance the Lord Jesus gives, is: "All these things shall be added unto you"; that is, the things needful to daily life, the temporal needs of the body and the life.

2. *True Treasure.* The Word of God says, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither" (Job 1:21), and, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we shall carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7). Alexander the Great requested that his hands in death be opened and extended on each side of his casket, that all beholders could see that he was carrying nothing with him! A mutual deceased friend was being discussed. "How much did he leave?" was asked. "He left everything!" "Oh, the tragedy of it, when he might have sent it on before! Chances are, he will never hear from it again," ran the conversation. Let us lay up treasures in the eternal Home—Heaven. (Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.)—W. B. K.

I. Practical Lessons

The first half of Matthew 6 deals

with almsgiving and prayer, the last half, with the cares of this world. Vss. 19-24 warn against the sin of worry. Both are equally wrong before God. Let us notice.

1. Greed is commonly the sin of the rich, and worry the sin of the poor, but the order may become exactly reversed (Matthew 6:19).

2. It is not a sin to own property, but it is sin to value property above God (vs.21).

3. The weakness of earthly treasures is seen in their instability and their insecurity (vss. 20, 21).

4. Treasures laid up in Heaven will serve to draw our hearts constantly Heavenward (vs. 21).

5. The Cross-eyed man looks only towards Heaven, but the merely cross-eyed tries to look at both at the same time (vss. 23, 24).

6. The unsaved man can never form a correct estimate of values, because his eye is not single to the light of God (vss. 22-24).

7. Double service is impossible. Friendship with the world is enmity with God (vs. 24; James 4:4).

8. The God who made the body has also provided sufficient food for the needs of the body (Matthew 6:25-27).

9. The God-given glory of the flower of the field, outshines the artificial glory of regal garments (vss. 28, 29).

10. Without God's Kingdom and righteousness "these things" are of very little value (vs. 33). —J. C. T.

11. Our Lord taught His disciples as heirs of the Kingdom to take no thought for their life, what they should eat, or what they should drink. He also taught them not to take thought for the morrow (Matthew 6:25, 31, 34). The word, "thought" really means anxious care. What the Lord forbids is anxious care about the necessities of life and the corners of the next day.

Anxious care distracts, divides in aim, object and purpose. Therefore, anxious care is unbecoming God's

people; it is wrong for them. The Lord would have His people trust their Heavenly Father and be free from anxious care and worry.

II. Home Work

1. How does the inheritance God has provided for us compare with earthly treasures? (Matthew 6:19, 20; 1 Peter 1:4).

2. How may we lay up treasures in Heaven in this life? (Luke 12:33).

3. Between what two possible masters does our choice of service lie? (Luke 16:13).

4. What should be the attitude of the Christian who is poor if he suffers oppression? (James 2:6; 5:7-10; read also 5:1-6).

5. What qualities of Christ's mind are especially also to be found in us? (Philippians 2:1-8).

6. What was the Old Testament remedy for deceit and dishonesty? (Leviticus 6:1-7).

8. By whom is justice sure to be administered to all men? (2 Corinthians 5:10; Isaiah 11:1-5; Ps. 82:3).

9. Is there any difference in the certainty of Divine punishment or Divine reward? (Ezekiel 18:20; Rev. 22:12).

10. Are all of God's rewards withheld until the future life? (Matthew 6:33; Mark 10:29, 30).

11. Study the splendid helps in our quarterlies. Read the 91st Psalm.

12. Can you use this illustration: Only by trusting ourselves utterly to the provident care of God can we find contentment. A story is told of a king who was suffering from a malady and was advised that he would be cured if the shirt of a contented man were brought for him to wear. People went out to all parts of the kingdom after such a person, and after a long search they found a man who was really happy, but he did not possess a shirt! "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," said Jesus.—*Selected.*

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our beloved mother, Mrs. Julia Lee, who passed away February 2, 1936.

Sad was the hour of that unhappy day,
When God called our dear one away;
Dear is the grave where she is laid,
Sweet is the remembrance that will never fade.

Part of our life lies buried deep,
Under the sod where our loved one sleeps;
No more will be known pain or torture
Death served its all by a solemn call.

Life is so hard without her,
As we our duties perform;
Yet her presence in heaven,
Makes life sweeter after the storm.

We feel that she is always near us,
Filling our soul with love;
Drawing us nearer the Savior
Pointing the way to heaven above.

There in the land of tomorrow,
With the good that have gone on before;
She is waiting to greet us
On that eternal shore.

Written by her daughter-in-law, and daughter, Mrs. Heyward Lee, and Mary Lee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On June 21, 1939, Rev. D. B. Garner passed from this life to his eternal reward. His having finished his Master's work here, he heard the call, "Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

In his going over to be with Jesus, our church, Sunday School and community have lost a father, member and friend, therefore be it resolved:

FIRST, That we the committee of the Carteret County Union express to the family our deepest sympathy, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well;

SECOND, That in the passing of such a life, our church and community have lost a valuable member, but we know that our loss is his eternal gain, therefore, we bow in humble submission to the will of God who does all things well;

THIRD, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press and one to the union meeting for publication.

May the Lord who doeth all things well comfort and heal the bleeding hearts of the bereaved ones.

Committee

Mrs. J. L. Lewis,
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Mr. Elmer Garner

BARFIELD. In August 12, 1939, Mrs. Frances Barfield passed away. Her life had manifested great faith and love for the Master that we must say we believe is resting in Jesus with Him on high.

Sister Barfield lived near Snow Hill. She joined the Howell Swamp Church while she was fifteen years of age. The record shows that she was 83 years old when she died. We have been told that she, at the time of her death, had been for some time the oldest Free Will Baptist in Greene County.

Mrs. Barfield had a host of friends in Greene County, and was much loved by those who knew her best.

Committee

Mrs. Frank Shirley,
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HALL. On September 28, 1939, the Lord willed to take from our midst sister Frances Hall. Sister Hall was nearing her sixty-fourth birthday. She had been in declining health for nearly seven months, and was confined to her bed for one month. Sister Hall was a member of Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Samantha, Alabama.

She was converted and joined the church when she was twelve years old, living for her Master for over fifty years. She had one of the best names that could be applied to any person. She was the Beginner's Class teacher for thirty-six years. She was loved and honored by every person's life that she touched. Sister Hall was a charter member of the Ladies Aid society. She was president of the organization for the past four years, being president at the time of her death.

She was faithful in every work for her Master. She could not be exceeded in her administering with tender hands to the sick. No one had a more sympathetic heart for the sad, no kinder lips for the discouraged; no greater prayer life for the sinful. Her prayer life made her what she was.

Sister Hall was the wife of the late J. R. Hall, deacon of the church who waited her coming for fourteen years. She left to mourn her going one daughter and three sons, along with other relatives, and a host of friends.

Rev. Robert Crawford conducted her funeral with assistants. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers by the side of other graves.

Written by
Robert B. Crawford,
Samantha, Ala.

Boys and Girls Corner

A Penny That Wanted to Be a Dime

It was a bright, shining, new penny in Althea's pocket, ready for the missionary offering, for this was missionary Sunday. Just why there was a penny in her pocket instead of a dime or more, Althea had not stopped to think. She had had a nickel for candy only the day before, and a dime for ice cream the day before that. She would not have thought of buying a penny's worth of ice cream, but a penny for the missionaries seemed all right.

Far away in another country, a busy missionary had been thinking about the missionary offering that was to be taken that day. She knew just how the happy-faced boys and girls would look, as they sat in their pretty room with its comfortable chairs, and its piano and pictures.

She had thought about the ragged, hungry boys and girls that would gather in the Bible school which she taught, in a tiny, tiny hut, where they all sat very close together on the bare, mud floor. There were no pictures, no piano, not even a window—just a little hole to let in the light, and a big hole for a door.

The little thin faces shone with joy when she told them of Jesus who loved them and would give them sometime a beautiful home in heaven. They had never heard of a heavenly Father until she told them, and they tried, oh, so hard, to be like the missionary.

"If those dear boys and girls in America only knew how much the boys and girls over here need their help," the missionary had sighed, "I am sure they would save their candy money for us. I believe I'll write them a letter and ask them to."

So she had sat down and written the letter that, by the time missionary Sunday came, would be in America, and be read in Bible school.

"Now, boys and girls," she had

written, after she had told them about the poor little children who needed food and clothes and medicine, as well as teachers and missionaries, "just tell all the pennies in your pockets to be so anxious to help us over here that they will want to turn into dimes. Then be the fairies that can turn them into dimes."

Althea listened, and she felt of the penny in her pocket.

"You wish you were a dime, don't you?" she whispered. "I know what I'll do."

Up she jumped, and away she hurried to the room where the men's class met. Very softly she slipped in, and in a minute she was telling her father that she wanted to turn her missionary penny into a dime.

"I won't ask for candy money for ever and ever so long," she whispered. "I'd rather do this."

Then a queer thing happened. Her father stood right up before all the men and held up the penny, and told them how it wanted to be a dime.

"How many of you would like to turn a penny into a dime?" he asked. And the way those men took dimes out of the pockets answered him very quickly.

When Althea flew joyfully back to the Primary room both hands were full of dimes—enough to actually put a dime into the missionary bank for every single penny that was there.

What a happy, happy morning it was in that Bible school, and what a happy, happy time there was when the magic money reached the far-away mission school!

When the next missionary offering day came in that Bible school most of the pennies had turned into dimes before they started.—*The Mayflower*.

Matthew 10:8: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

There is a fellowship among the virtues by which one great, generous passion stimulates another.—*James Abram Garfield*.

Successful Revival at Free Union

On Sunday night September 24, the Rev. Chester Pelt began the annual revival at Free Union Church in Beaufort County. It continued through Saturday night, September 30, 1939. It was one of the best meetings we have ever had at this church. It was the week of preaching, Bible reading, and praying.

Some nights there would be some members of the congregation who reported having read as high as 150 chapters in the Bible during the day. Brother Pelt explained God's Word in a way that even the weakest of us could understand. There were sixteen additions to the church during the meeting. We were inspired each evening with a wonderful message in song by Mrs. Pelt who was a very great help in each service. We pray God's blessings upon the two splendid workers.

Yours for Christ,

Alton Paul, Clerk

Corinth and Free Union League Pep-Meeting

On Saturday night, October 21, there was a very fine pep-meeting by Free Union in Beaufort County with the leaguers of Corinth from Martin County. Both programs were very good and worthwhile. The one from Corinth was under the direction of Miss Marie Gurkin, and the one at Free Union was directed by Alton Paul, which was a Missionary Playlet entitled "The Heroine of Ava." It seemed to sink deep into the hearts of all present.

We must add that Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen were present, and helped to make the meeting a great success. If all of our leagues would spend more time in these "get-acquainted meetings" it would arouse interest in greater league work.

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Program for N. C. Central Conference

The North Carolina Central Conference of Free Will Baptists will convene with Black Jack church in Pitt County, November 8, 9, and 10, 1939.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional service, Rev. D. W. Alexander, Bethel, N. C.
 9:45—Welcome Address by Pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
 —Response by Rev. C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.
 10:00—Conference called to order by moderator
 —Enrollment of Delegates and Ministers
 10:10—Business period
 —Appointment of committees
 —Completion of the Organization
 10:30—Moderator's message
 10:45—Quartet by M. E. Tyson, R. P. Harris, Mrs. Chester Pelt and Mrs. J. C. Moye
 11:00—Conference sermon by Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.
 11:45—Special music arranged by Mrs. J. C. Moye
 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional service, Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.
 1:45—Resumption of business
 2:30—Special music arranged by Mrs. Chester Pelt
 2:45—"Catching the Missionary Spirit" an address by Rev. Chester Pelt
 3:15—Adjournment
 Wednesday Evening
 7:15—Devotional service, Rev. N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.
 7:45—Sermon by W. L. Jernigan, Subject "Christian Responsibility"

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional service, Rev. J. H. Edwards, Mount Olive, N. C.
 9:45—Special music arranged by R. P. Harris
 —Talk in the interest of the Baptist by R. B. Spencer
 10:00—Business period
 11:00—Congregational singing led by Rev. Chester Pelt
 11:15—Sermon by Rev. M. E. Tyson
 —Offering for Orphanage
 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional service, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Kinston, N. C.
 1:45—Special music arranged by Mrs. J. C. Moye
 2:00—Business period
 —Report of Committees and Boards. (Ordaining Council, Educational Board, Ministerial Character, General Mission, Superannuation, Resolutions, etc.)
 2:45—Congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris
 2:50—Educational Address, "The Chal-

- lenge of Youth" by Rev. Clarence Bowen
 3:30—Adjournment
 Thursday Evening
 7:15—Devotional service, Rev. C. H. Denton, Rocky Mount, N. C.
 7:45—Sermon by Rev. M. A. Woodard, Subject, "Family Consecration"
 Friday Morning
 9:30—Devotional service, Rev. E. L. Abrams
 9:45—Special Music arranged by D. A. Windham
 10:00—Business period

- 11:00—Congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris
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Keep a-goin!
Thoug 'tis work to reach the top,
Keep a-goin!
S'pose you're out o' ev'ry dime,
Gittin' broke ain't no crime;
Tell the world you're feelin' *prime*--
Keep a-goin!

WHEN IT looks like all is up,
Keep a-goin!
Drain the sweetness from the cup,
Keep a-goin!
See the wild birds on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,
When you feel like singin', sing—
Keep a-goin!

—*Frank L. Stanton*

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The Religion of My Home

By DR. W. K. MCGEE, Thomasville, N. C.

Scripture: Joshua 24:14, 15; 2 Timothy 1:3a, 5; Ephesians 6:4.

The religion that live in my home is the only religion that will have much influence anywhere else, so far as I am concerned. The religion of my home will most likely be the religion of my church. If Christ is needed anywhere, He is needed in my home.

Will you, for these few moments, let your thought linger upon your own home? What is the religion of your home?

1. There are many perils which endanger your home today. There is that loss of Family fellowship in this industrial age. The members of so many of our homes eat at different times, play at different times. The family group has been broken up; the family unity has been lost.

A general looseness of moral and ethical standing has come to pervade our business, our political, our social life. This has tended to break down the moral and ethical standards of our homes. In many of our church homes it is not uncommon for the children to see the liquor flask, the wine and beer bottle, to hear profanity, to witness dissension, to suffer neglect because parents are giving their time to less important matters.

Commercialized amusements have had their evil influence. Gambling devices are on every hand; the theatre often brings its display of free love, divorce and immorality, its banditry and its drunkenness. The social center too often has its dancing and drinking, its coarseness and immorality—always something to entice our young people away from home and into sin.

The impure literature and art that is found in so many of our homes is startling. These trashy magazines, books and pictures keep

constantly before children and grown-ups alike their base thought, their lewd appearance, their immoral suggestiveness. These cannot but influence the thought and lives within your home.

There is a popular exalting of selfish material and pleasure ideals above Christian ideals. According to this philosophy, the things of greatest importance in life are, making money, being popular, getting along in the ways of the world.

There is a general abuse of the Scriptural use of the Lord's Day. For many of us it has become a day of business or pleasure, of visitation or going, rather than a day of rest and worship and service.

Family worship has been all but lost from our homes. A little girl asked her father, "Papa, is God dead?" "Why, no, my dear, God is not dead. Why do you ask such a question?" "Well," replied the child, "You used to talk with God, but you don't any more. I just wondered if He was dead." Is God dead in your home? Mother? Father?

2. Surely Christ is needed in our homes. Christ in actual experience and living is the only successful answer to the forces that attack our homes. A Christianized home is necessary to a vital church. Christ must be lived by you as a parent, before your home can be Christian. There must be a Christian atmosphere in your home. It cannot be a double-minded home. You cannot truthfully profess to trust God and then worry and hurry, and fret and fume, as though you had no heavenly Father. You cannot teach your children that it is more blessed to give than to receive, if you live as if the whole of life were getting, and grumble when you are asked to give. You cannot teach your child that it is wrong to lie if you force him to lie

at school, in the bus, in the store, or elsewhere.

A teacher of youth said, "The most potent influence for good that the world knows is a whole-minded Christian home!" In such a home Christian training is natural and Christian teaching is easy: Indeed, it is simply an explanation of the lives the child sees and of the spirit he shares.

The religion lived in the home will, in all probability, be the religion practiced by the children. Your child will not be a Christian because you tell him he ought to be; he will not be good because you tell him to. Rather, he will most likely be what you as a parent show in your life that he ought to be.

Probably nothing is more needed today than a home that is actually Christian: Christian is profession, in faithfulness to the church, in the home. Certainly there is nothing your home so needs, and the happiness and welfare of your home so depends upon you, as your making it really a Christian home.

3. There should be Christian worship in a Christian home. The religion lived in your home will form the background of the family worship. The Bible should be an open book in every Christian home, read daily by each member who can read, and read daily by the family as a group. Nothing in all the world can take the place of the Bible in your home.

Prayer should have its regular place in your home. Teach your children first to repeat their little memorized prayers if you wish, but soon lead them to pray for the needs of their own lives and for others for whom prayer is needed. Often in

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EDITORIAL

The Board of Directors of the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, has named the month of November as the month for the churches to raise the fifty cents per member for the Home. Rev. M. E. Tyson, the superintendent, has mailed letters to all pastors, urging their co-operation in this drive for the quota asked for from each church.

This is a fine plan, all will agree, to raise the necessary funds to erect the new building at the orphanage this fall. While there may be some members in each church who cannot pay the fifty cents, there are others who can pay theirs, and enough more to count for several who are not financially able to do so. This will be a fine spirit for the able members to pay enough to enable the church to make an hundred percent record in this orphanage drive during this month. Every church should enter into this drive with a zeal to not stop until the fifty cents per member is raised for this purpose. It is true some effort will be necessary, of course, for each church to put forth in order to reach the goal. But, when such worthy cause is put before the churches, everyone should show an interest and be willing to do what he can to raise the required money.

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The Cape Fear Association held its eighty-fifth annual session last week at St. Mary's Church in Johnston County. The attendance was fair, though the weather was very cold, and the business was transacted in a fine way. The ministers, delegates, and visiting friends showed great interest in the proceedings sionary message.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey, returned missionary from Panama, was present, and delivered an appealing address for missions. His message gripped everyone, and new interest was shown on the part of many present for the address. The entire

association was happy to have had Brother Willey present for the missionary message.

Rev. M. E. Tyson was present and gave some interesting facts and figures regarding the orphanage. As usual, a hearty response was shown for the orphanage by all present. Good offerings were taken both for the Orphanage, and for missions.

A good report was given of the Smithfield Church by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Joyner. His report showed that something over five hundred dollars had been paid on the church debt since the last annual session of this association. His facts and figures show that the members of the Smithfield Church had raised quite a gratifying sum of this amount among themselves during the year. His report showed that the local church is busy, doing its part to reduce the indebtedness of their church as time passes.

The general routine of business during the two days' session of the Cape Fear Association showed progress, and steps were taken to further the cause of righteousness during the coming year. The ministers were of one accord in the steps taken, and for the measures passed for the ensuing year. The meeting closed with great rejoicing.

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The Superannuation officials in the different states are urging the churches to not forget the retired ministers. This fall is the time to raise funds for the old worn-out soldiers of the cross. They are deserving, and in need of financial aid during the fall and winter months, possibly more than at any other time during the year. Fifty cents from each church member, or an average thereof, would set aside a fine sum for these servants of God. They should not be overlooked. They served when they were able to carry the gospel to the lost. Now they need your kind attention and fav-

ors to enable them to have the necessary things of life. Let us hope this phase of the religious work will be well cared for this fall and winter.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Listen! There Comes a Call — I have just received a call from the Superintendent of the *Orphanage* at Middlesex urging that an *offering* be made in every church in North Carolina between now and the last Sunday in November. One Lord's Day is passed only *three more*. We must hurry if we get over. Brother minister, listen "The time is short."

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Destruction Ahead — Dictators and aggressive, lustful, diabolical, godless, blood-shedding agents of the Devil will soon be crushed. Their destruction is sure. But before their final destruction there must be a time of sorrow. Jesus said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21). Read Daniel 2:31-45 for the destruction of these world powers. "The Stone that is cut out of the mountains without hands will crush the feet of the image." Conditions are shaping now in the old world—the old Roman empire—"the iron and clay will not hold together"—so just a few months perhaps—it may be years, but I doubt it—"The Stone is coming down" and if Hitler and Stalin and other such Demons are living they will fall with their master — the Devil, and all together will finally be "cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:10-15).

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Holly Springs Meeting — We closed a ten day meeting at Holly Springs last Thursday, November 2. We enjoyed the fellowship of these saints. God lives in the Holly Springs church. God blessed. Will not tell all for fear that it might be said, "Griffin is blowing his horn." But God blessed with six additions to the church. This church is in Carteret County.

Three Great Wars

By Charles V. Vickrey,
(President the Golden Rule
Foundation)

Three Great Wars are being fought today on three continents.

The Great Asiatic War on Chinese soil involves the manhood and resources of more than one-fourth of the human race, and will greatly influence the future civilization of the world.

The Great European War engulfs most of Europe and threatens the bulwarks of democracy and religion.

The Great American War extends its battle lines from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the southern border of Canada 7,000 miles southward to Tierra del Fuego, with important repercussions in other neutral nations. It is a war against greed, war profiteering and suicidal complacency.

The outcome of the American war may have an even greater bearing on world history than either or both of the great wars now raging in Asia and Europe. The moral and spiritual victory in the Garden of Gethsemane has had a greater world encircling influence throughout the centuries than all the military conquests of Rome.

He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city.

The war in China has already cost the lives of millions of soldiers and civilians and has driven an estimated 60,000,000 refugees, including hundreds of thousands of war orphans and widows, from their ancestral homes.

The war in Europe is daily taking the lives of thousands of Europe's best young men leaving a corresponding number of widows, orphans and other dependents to be cared for.

Military conflict at least develops courage, unselfishness, willingness to sacrifice luxuries, comfort and, if need be, life itself.

Surrender to greed, selfishness and personal ease in the presence of the suffering of others is stultifying

and leads to a flabby, luxury-loving existence that has marked the downfall of practically every prosperous and luxury worshipping nation of history.

The international war against greed calls all the neutral and non-combatant nations to make sacrifices for world peace, analogous if not equivalent to that which the warring nations are making for their lesser objectives.

Despite all restrictions and our resolves not to profiteer upon the sufferings and misfortune of others, it is inevitable that the United States and other neutral countries will profit, temporarily at least, in a material way during the period when *tens of millions of men are withdrawn from the industries and harvest fields of the warring nations.*

Many will profit unconsciously and unintentionally. But if we are sincere, we will,—in gratitude for peace, freedom from bombs and invasion, exemption from food rationing, expropriation of property and crushing war taxes, — *voluntarily* contribute from our luxuries and surplus products to the relief of war orphans, widows and others made destitute by the desolation of war.

Many thousands of children in China and Europe, innocent victims of cruel war, are today deprived of bread, milk and life's necessities. *Will not the children of America be stronger and their future more secure if they voluntarily forego some of their cakes and candies in order that the orphaned children of Europe and Asia may have bread, milk — life?*

In a very real sense the Great American War, like those of Asia and Europe, is a *struggle for self-preservation.* If we surrender to greed and undertake to assimilate into our economic and social life the billions of dollars of blood now flowing to our shores from the battle fields and bomb-shattered homes of Europe and Asia, we may find our blood-stream poisoned, our moral fiber diseased; and sooner or later our civilization may become just another blot on the pages of history.

But if we have the courage and the grace to transform, purify and return that money in Golden Rule ministries of mercy to the wounded and robbed, the widows and orphans, we may save not only our own souls and our own nation but the nations of the world from the recurring bitterness, hatred and horror of future wars.

"Neither shall they learn war any more."

Report of League Rally

The Mizpah District league union held its rally on October 29, with Edge Church, Edge, Texas. The rally was an all day occasion. In the morning there was a very interesting Sunday School lesson on Temperance. Rev. R. C. Wiggs of North Zulch delivered a most inspiring sermon. Several people rededicated their lives to the Lord.

At noon there was a picnic lunch served on the grounds which every one enjoyed very much. "Our Devotion" was the theme topic for the afternoon. Miss Billie Johnson of North Zulch gave a very interesting talk on "Our Devotion" as a League to the church. Rev. J. R. Davidson of Bryan talked to us of many ways how we could make our league rally more interesting.

There was a very interesting business period. There were several things about the league which were discussed, and also new officers were elected. The rally closed with everyone repeating the league benediction.

Juanita Manning, Cor.-Secy.

Notice of Correction

In the issue of the Baptist for October 25, page 6 under the heading Sulphur Springs F. W. B. Church, Rev. Robert Coward's name was given when it should have been Rev. Robert Crawford. We regret that this error occurred.—*Editor.*

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If Christians Would Learn How to Give

(Tune) "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

MRS. ROSELLA AUSTIN,
Devon, Pa.

What a wonderful change in this world would be wrought,
If Christians would learn how to give
We would then reach the goal for which long we have sought,
If Christians would learn how to give.

Chorus:

If Christians would learn how to give,
If Christians would learn how to give,
Oh! the dollars would roll,
Bringing joy to each soul,
If Christians would learn how to give.

Not a child would be homeless or wanting a friend,
If Christians would learn how to give;
And old preachers' sorrows would all have an end,
If Christians would learn how to give!

Not a soul would be left to its darkness and woe,
If Christians would learn how to give;
But of God and His love every creature would know,
If Christians would learn how to give.
We would then have a peace that we ne'er had before,
If Christians would learn how to give;
And our hearts would rejoice and be glad evermore,
If Christians would learn how to give.

We'd receive the great blessings that God has in store,

If Christians would learn how to give.
For all those who labor and pray here below,
If Christians would learn how to give.

Oh, what joy it will be when our Saviour we see,
If Christians would learn how to give;
When forever in glory with Him we shall be,
If Christians would learn how to give;
When forever in glory with Him we shall be,
If Christians would learn how to give.
When our labor is done and the victory is won,

If Christians would learn how to give.
And the great King eternal says, "Servant, well done!"
If Christians would learn how to give;

We will go into rest and be saved with the blest,
If Christians would learn how to give.
Free from toil, sin and woe, we'll rejoice evermore,
If Christians would learn how to give.

—Selected by Minnie D. Mason

Malone F. W. B. Church

Dear Baptist Readers:

As I don't ever seen any one writing from North Alabama, I would like to say a few words about our church. First, I enjoy reading the paper, it inspires me to a higher ground. I pray God's blessings on each and every one that take part in making the paper what it is. It is worth the price and more.

We have a new church 36X46, have an enrollment of 107, have a fine Sunday School average of pupils, 100, have a fine Ladies Aid Society which has been doing some good work for the past year by the help of Jesus. We have as pastor

Rev. R. P. Ritch. Pell City, Alabama, a real God-called man.

The Liberty Association convened with us this year of which we are a member. It is quite young only the 6th session, but has only 5 churches, and had a good spiritual feast during the entire session especially on Saturday night. Communion and old time feet washing, had 93 to commune.

Pray for us that we might prosper in the Lord's work, be true and humble servants to him.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Laura Roberts,
Corresponding Secretary
L. A. S.

The Sixty-Second Session of the South Georgia Association

The Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church, of Charlton County, near Folkston, Georgia, had the honor of entertaining the sixty-second session of the South Georgia Association which convened with them on Thursday evening October, 1939. More than one hundred delegates and friends were entertained on Friday and Saturday at the church by the members and friends of the community. This was the first time during the past eighteen years that it convened with this church, which made a great occasion.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. E. R. Johnner of Alma, Georgia. On Friday morning everyone met back at the church, the body was called to order, and after some singing, the devotional services were conducted by B. A. Altman of Folkston. The morning message was very inspirational. It was delivered by Rev. E. L. Paulk of Ray, Georgia. In the afternoon the business was carried out with much to be done. Rev. C. J. Pitts of Jacksonville, Florida, was elected as assistant moderator of the association. We are very proud of Brother Pitts.

On Friday night, Brother W. L. Mills of Jacksonville led the devotions with a splendid talk which was enjoyed by all present. The evening message was brought to us by an evangelist, Rev. K. V. Shutes, of Glennville, Georgia. It was full of good thoughts, and warnings for the poor lost souls. We had pleasure of the Waycross Quartett to furnish Friday night's music.

Saturday began as another busy day. The devotions were led by Rev. L. H. Hall of Jacksonville which was followed by the morning message. It was delivered by Rev. E. B. Duckworth of Lyons, Ga. Miss Vira and Jewell Prevatt of Folkston, Georgia greeted us with a special number after Brother Duckworth's enjoyable message.

In the afternoon the business was closed by the association adjourning to meet next October with Marietta Church in Toombs County. Saturday night's devotions were conducted by Rev. A. B. Adams of Hazlehurst. This was followed by the evening message which was delivered by Rev. E. F. Crosby of Hazlehurst.

We the people of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church desire to say that this was indeed a pleasure, not a burden, to have had this association with us. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you.

Ernie Belle Altman,
Folkston, Ga., Route 1

Why I Like the Baptist

Mrs. C. T. Adams
Hansley's Chapel,
Sharron Acres

I like our Free Will Baptist paper because it brings me in touch with the Free Will Baptist movement. There are those whom I have known and loved in the past. Their work in the movement for Christ has a separation of personal fellowship but on the pages of our paper, I can

once again live with them as I read their messages.

Then, there are wonderful testimonies from those whom I do not know, still it brings joy to me to just know that they know the same Christ that I know and that they claim the same ties of fellowship in the Free Will Baptist movement that I do.

All news is of interest to me, and when I have read the latest edition, I wait anxiously for the next one.

The paper means much to me, because when I take the time to read it, my mind is being fed on spiritual material, otherwise if it were not for our news, I might read news that would not be upbuilding in a spiritual way, and readers, I want to say that the Devil is not chained as some say. He has plenty news for all to read. Read the Baptist news instead!

To those who do not take the Baptist, may I say, if you want to be a whole-hearted, spiritually minded Free Will Baptist, your mind must be fed on the best reading material you can get, and I, as a booster, want to say that among the best papers of today, choose the "Baptist" for your feeding material. It is clean from cover to cover, so during this campaign let's subscribe to the paper.

Read the paper and boost the paper. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord." (Colossians 3: 23).

The Sacrifice

Kneeling there within the garden
In the swiftly waning light,
"O my Father," pleaded Jesus,
"Let this cup pass from my sight"

As His eyes, now dim with anguish,
View the distant setting sun,
Hark, I hear Him whisper, "Father,
Not my will, but Thine be done!"

Up the steep, forbidding mountain,
Jesus, toiling on His way,

Viewed the multitudes that thronged
Him—

Some were sad, and others gay.
How His loving heart was throbbing
As he watched the surging crowd
Like a flock without a shepherd.
And beneath His cross He bowed!

On that cross so old and rugged,
Backed by skies of leaden hue,
Jesus prayed, "Forgive them, Father,

For they know not what they do."
Oh, the love-light blazing upward
As those matchless words of grace
Ring triumphant through the ages,
Offering hope to every race!

How the old world rocked and
trembled!

God in heaven turned away,
As the spotless Lamb of glory
Bore your guilt and mine that
day.

"It is finished." All is over!
Darkness gathers like a pall.
Jesus conquered sin and Satan
When He freely gave His all.

Three days passed. Death could not
hold Him!

And triumphant from the grave,
Clothed in majesty and splendor,
He arose with power to save!
Now He stands at heaven's portals.
See His hands—His feet—His
side—

Mute reminders of His suffering—
Sinner, 'twas for you He died.

Still His loving heart is throbbing
With a tenderness divine.
Since He gave His life a ransom
Canst thou, then, refuse Him
thine?

Cast thy care upon the Saviour;
At His pierced feet now fall;
Join the everlasting chorus,
Crown Him King and Lord of all!
—Ruth Williams

Truth is so related and correlated
that no department of her realm is
wholly isolated. . . . Truth is the
food of the human spirit, which
could not grow in its majestic proportions
without clearer and more
truthful views of God, His universe.

Where Shall I Be?

*When the judgment is drawing
nigh,*

Where shall I be?

*When God the works of man shall
try,*

Where shall I be?

Friends, I want to say some timely things in a very few words. My heart is so burdened tonight for the lost, also for the careless Christians, and for the church members and others. Do you realize that there is coming a Judgment Day, just ahead for each of us? Then we shall appear before the Lord, the righteous Judge, to give an account of our stewardship here? Then our works will be tried, or examined, whether they be good or bad. There shall be no way of escape, so let us talk this over to heart. Let us consider where we stand in a spiritual way.

No doubt that some who will read this, will say, "I do many good deeds in my community. I am not like some other members who pray and get happy, and testify to all kinds of experiences which I know nothing about, but anyway I am willing to risk my chance." Really, there are so very many excuses offered these days, and we all know them, because so often, my good friends, these excuses will be worthless when we stand before the Great Judge on that awful day.

I want to warn one and all to give up everything that hinders you from being all that God desires you to be. Put on the whole armor of God so that you shall be able to stand in that great day. But you may say, "My wife, or my husband, or my children, or work—many things hinder me from being just what I want to be. I just cannot serve God as I would like to do." Remember, He said, "My grace is sufficient," also, "My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

I praise the Lord tonight that my soul is saved, and my heart is happy in Christ, for I have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. There is no way to get to heaven without

the blood of the Lamb. There is no way to get to heaven without the blood applied to our hearts. Our self-righteousness will never get us to heaven. May I warn each one who reads this article to take time to look into your life, and see if you remember the day and hour that Jesus came into your heart. Are you the least bit doubtful? then go to God in prayer, and keep on calling upon Him, and consecrate your all to Him in humble submission. He will answer you. Your doubts will be gone, and your testimony will have power. Then you will be able to help others to find the way to God.

Mrs. A. B. Powell,
Hemingway, S. C.

Thanksgiving Service to Be Held at Spring Hope

There will be a Thanksgiving service observed at Spring Hope Free Will Baptist church on November 30. It will be an all day program, and all former pastors are requested to be present for the occasion.

9:00—Song services conducted by Perry Gaskins

Mrs. Stanley Everett at the piano

—Prayer by Rev. Clinton Lupton

—Special music by the Nelson Family

9:30—Address on Sunday School work by Rev. W. B. Everett

—Program given by Miss Myrtle Pugh of Bridgeton Church

9:45—Prayer, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby

10:00—Talk on Superannuation by Mrs. Alvin Stilley and Mrs. M. J. Rowe of Bridgeton Church

10:20—Talk on Orphanage work by Mrs. John Overman

10:30—Talk on the Need of the Press by Rev. L. H. Wetherington

10:40—Talk on Educational work, by Rev. J. R. Bennett

—Prayer by W. A. Gaskins

10:50—Talk on Our Greatest Need as a church by Rev. M. C. Prescott

—Prayer by Elder J. A. Ringgold

—Talk by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton on Ladies Aid work

11:10—Talk on How They Work with Their Pastor, by Mrs. W. J. Koonce

11:20—Special selections given by Rev. and Mrs. Roy Miller and daughter

11:30—Rev. N. D. Wiggs will open service and Rev. Duffy Toller will preach

12:00—Dinner served on the grounds

Afternoon Services

1:15—Song service by the congregation

—Prayer by Daniel Gaskins

—Talk on Home Missions by Mrs. Willie Gaskins

—Talk on Foreign Missions by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby

—Prayer by Rev. B. W. Wells

—Talk on League work by Mrs. Willie Stilley and Mrs. Ethel Hanson

2:00—Special selections by Mrs. Johnnie Stilley, Mrs. Sarah Cahoon, Ethel Hansen, and Mrs. Willie Stilley at the piano

2:30—Talk on Publication and Literature by Mrs. Julia Pate

2:45—Rev. F. R. Williams will open services and Rev. L. H. Wetherington will preach

3:30—Benediction by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Ringgold

The Presence of God

There lived nearly 300 years ago one Nicholas Herman of Lorraine, an obscure and uneducated man. He was a footman, and he describes himself as a "clumsy and awkward fellow." At eighteen years of age he was converted, by thinking over the miracle of springtime. "If God can do that for a tree, what can He not do for me?"

Having no gifts, he set himself to keep his mind fixed upon God, and he entered a monastery where he was put to work in the kitchen as a lay-brother for sixty years. He

realized that to know God we must converse with Him, and that by continual intercourse with God we could "establish ourselves in a sense of God's presence." He put before him only one aim—to think about God and to commune with Him. And what was the result? He grew marvelously in the knowledge and love of God by "practising the presence of God" and by his resolve to continue always to act purely for the love of God—especially by doing little things for the love of God.

He felt that our only business was to love and delight ourselves in God, and that union with God by love was the greatest thing to be sought, and that the shortest way to this was to go straight to Him, by a continual exercise of love, and by doing all things for His sake. He was convinced that useless thoughts spoil all; that the mischief began there. He considered it a shameful thing to quit his conversation with God in order to think of trifles and fooleries.

Please impress your mind that this man was no visionary — no monk spending his hours in meditation in the seclusion of a cell. He had to work hard, and to work with many other people, day by day. Yet he confesses that "he was more united to God in his outward employments than when he left them for devotion in retirement. That there needed neither art nor science for going to God, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him only." He said, "It was a great delusion to think that the times of prayer ought to differ from other times; that his prayer was nothing else but a sense of God's presence. Even in the height of my business I drive away from my mind everything that is capable of interrupting my thought of God. The time of business does not differ with me from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament."

Think over this! Here is a man obscure and uneducated, devoid of any outstanding gift, who preached no sermon, who did not remarkable work, but yet left a profound impression on all who met him, and has influenced for good all who ever heard about him! The name of Brother Lawrence will never die! What was the secret of his life? His

one aim was to keep God always in his thought.—*How to Know God.*

Honor can be at stake only where justice and beneficence are at stake. It can never depend on an egg shell or a straw; it can never depend on an impotent word of anger or folly, not even if that word be followed by a blow.—*Charles Sumner.*

Two Practical New Books

Girlhood Today

By HELEN WELSHIMER

A new book that will inspire girls to the highest and best in life



Fifty-five short messages to girls on how to live graciously in a modern world, by Helen Welshimer. One of America's foremost pen women, Miss Welshimer has had her poems and messages to women featured in over eight hundred daily newspapers. Her poems and stories appear in *Good Housekeeping*, *Christian Herald*, *The Lookout*, *Saturday Evening Post*, etc.

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"Girlhood Today" will inspire girls to the highest and best in life. It is especially appropriate as a gift book, is beautifully printed, bound and jacketed.

Price, \$1.00

How to Win Boys

By ROSCOE GILMORE STOTT

Boy lovers in home, school and church will welcome this new book



This volume is a fresh, gripping, unusually practical, twenty-four chapter consideration of the "boy problem." The author knows boys—older boys, young boys, city boys, country boys, thoughtful boys and active boys. He tells how to meet them, understand them, talk to them, teach them, play with them, win them to Christ and the church. Athletics, novelty, class activity and organization, teaching methods, leadership, good citizenship, etc., all have their chapters; each one reading like a brilliant conversation. Dr. Stott creates the desire to win boys in those who may not have considered this field of service. Workers with boys who seek to be more effective will find ways and means in abundance in this new book.

The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

A splendid book by a competent author.

Price, \$1.00

Orphanage Class Report

October 9 — October 28, 1939

By Velva Daughtry

Sixteenth Week

Reedy Branch -----	\$31.70
Winterville -----	27.09
Ayden -----	50.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County --	20.00
Greenville -----	22.75
Gum Swamp -----	50.11
Hickory Grove -----	18.41
Hickory Grove, S. S. -----	5.00
Total -----	\$224.06

Seventeenth Week

Swet Gum Grove -----	\$30.00
Parkers Chapel -----	21.60
Black Jack -----	63.83
Rose Hill -----	65.00
Juniper Chapel -----	25.03
Oak Grove -----	25.00
Pleasant Hill -----	20.08
Total -----	\$250.54

Eighteenth Week

Palmetto Chapel -----	\$30.83
Macedonia -----	43.40
Antioch -----	25.25
Friendship -----	75.00
Core Creek -----	60.25
Wintergreen -----	31.50
Moseleys Creek -----	34.03
Fifth Union, E. Assoc. -----	20.50
Total -----	\$320.76

The Religion of My Home

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homes of our churches thanksgiving is not even offered at meals.

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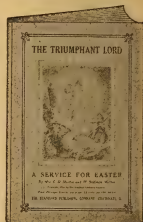
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I notice that there are several churches in the Cape Fear district that do not have as yet Aid societies. I wish that it could be possible every church would realize how important it is for it to have an Aid in it. Realizing that the women have an important place to fill in the church, I hope that all that do not have an Aid will get busy and organize one. As I am Field Worker, I stand ready at any time to help you to organize one in your church. Have you stopped to think what this will mean to your church and community? I should like to hear from any church that does not have an Aid society, and I am ready to help you start one.

I was unable to attend the Plant Day at the Orphanage, and have not heard as to what was done, but I do trust that it was a great day. Since it is not long before Thanksgiving, let us remember that and make it a great Thanksgiving for the Home this year. The Holy Spirit through us prays the prayers that we should offer, and God will answer them if we will do our best. Prayers made to God in earnest will endure.

"Thy truth shall be my nourishment, my life and duty, food a living work within, my soul and not a talk or mood, a wisdom, active in

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Yours in his service,

Mrs. J. L. Braswell,
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Stancel Chapel Aid Report

The Aid members met on Friday, October 20, at the church, and the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Vannie Peel, the president. One of the old sacred hymns, "I Feel Like Going On," was sung by the members present.

The subject, "New Paths for Old Purposes" was discussed, after which the business was opened and roll with 13 members present, and 4 absent, and 5 new members entered on the roll. The dues were paid in amounting to \$1.30. The birthday collection was 82 cents, 87 cents for eggs, and 10 cents for flowers.

Mrs. Alton White was appointed as chairman of the program committee for the next meeting.

For the past three months there have been 93 sick visits made; 19.5 quarts of milk given away; one quart of ice cream; and several other things done for the good of the needy. The next meeting will be held at the church on November 24.

Cassie Warren, Cor.-Secy.

The Missionary Helpers Society

The Missionary Helpers Society of F. W. B. Church of Beaufort, N. C. was organized September 5, 1939, with five members. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Rosa Brooks; Vice-president, Mrs. Martha Lynch; Secretary, Hazel Congleton; Assistant, Marguerite Glover; Treasurer, Eula Jones.

Since then we have enrolled eight new members. We have made \$8.10 by selling candy. Including our

dues we have \$12.55 in treasury, September 25, we sent \$2.00 to Home Missions and \$3.00 to Foreign Missions.

We hope that we will be able to make our contributions regularly every three months.

Hazel Congleton, Secretary,
Marguerite Glover, Asst. Sec.

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(Lesson for November 19)

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1. *Living by the Golden Rule—*

How utterly impossible it is for man to live by the Golden Rule, if the Giver of the Golden Rule, the Lord Jesus Christ does not live by faith in the heart of man. In the world today, it is not the Golden Rule by which men are living, but rather the Rule of Gold. The world's rule is, "Do others before they do you," and "Get all you can, and can all you get!" It is only when "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" that we are enabled to love our neighbors as ourselves and are enabled to "look every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:4). (Read Romans 12)—*W. B. K.*

2. *Missions and the Golden Rule*

—Surely in view of the awful darkness of the heathen, we should, practically, apply the Golden Rule to ourselves and to them. Here is something from *World Dominion* to stir our missionary pulse: "The cock crew, the signal for our early start in a springless cart, along rutty roads. In the gray dawn we passed a temple. A young lad was going in, and curiosity prompted me to follow. The atmosphere was chilled. The interior, with its earthen floor and ugly idols ranged around the walls, was gloomy and forbidding. Two priests came forward, a short conversation ensued and the boy was told to kneel. Each priest then clutched a handful of the boy's flesh and stuck wooden skewers through it. They then put a donkey's saddle on his back and made him crawl on all-fours around the temple

and kotow to every idol. He did so, and at each stop repeated four words, 'For my mother's sake.' His mother was ill and this was his sacrifice and prayer for her recovery."

I. Home Work

1. Who is the only righteous Judge? Genesis 18:25; 2 Timothy 4:8).

2. What kind of Judgment is commanded to the Church of Christ? 1 Corinthians 5:12, 13).

3. What kind of judgment is strictly prohibited? (Romans 14:3-13; 1 Corinthians 4:5).

4. Upon whose conduct should we always sit in judgment, and why? (1 Corinthians 11:31, 32).

5. How certain can we be that our prayer will be answered? (1 John 5:14, 15).

6. What great examples have we of prevailing prayer? (Exodus 32:30-35; Dan. 10:12, 13; James 5:17).

7. What is the only way in which the Golden Rule may be kept? (Romans 13:8-10).

8. Where in the Old Testament are the two ways contrasted? (Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 30:15-20).

9. Are we always able to tell for certain who are true Christians even when we see their fruits? 1 Samuel 10:23-27; 16:7; John 12:6; 13:25, 26; Romans 14:4).

10. What great difference in destiny will there be in the end? (Matthew 7:14; 25:44-46).

11. One case of wrong judgment and its consequences is seen in 2 Samuel 10. Study this chapter, and also the lesson material in our quarterlies.

II. Lesson High Points

1. Every critic has been appointed by others or by himself as a judge. Hence we may render the first verse thus, Criticize not that ye be not criticized. Criticism is sometimes constructive. It is generally, however, very destructive. It destroys fellowships, breaks hearts, and wrecks testimonies.

Yet it is the meat of the average church, served in big chunks by gossips, jealous of one another, or of the office-bearers, or even of the pastor, his wife and his family.

Chunks of criticism choke. "Killed by criticism," is a fit epitaph for many promising attempts at Christian work. Granted that all our service is, at best, very faulty, does that justify some of us, in finding fault with the rest of us? I am reminded again of the evangelist who was criticized for the way in which he worked. He replied, "I like the way I do it better than the way you don't do it."

Criticism is the father of controversy, and the grandfather of division. The spiritual energy of all the saints added together would be irresistible. The sun's rays concentrated in the prism will start a fire, but diffused they may not even melt an icicle.

It was Love, personified who began missionary work. "For God so loved the world." His was love concentrated. Hence the Saviour prayed that we "all may be one" (John 17:21). *If we were one*, our love, like His, would be concentrated. His love rays passing through the church prism, would focus an infinite power on individuals and groups till the burning question of Pentecost would be sounding everywhere, "Men and brethren, what shall we do"? (Acts 2:37).—*R. K. G.*

2. Our petitions will be answered according to the earnestness with which we present them (vs. 7).

3. God's answers to our prayers do not consist of inferior substitutions for the things we have desired (vss 9, 10).

4. God's good things are always "how much more" beyond the very best that we can do (vs. 11).

5. The Golden Rule will be fully kept in the Golden Age of Christ's Kingdom (vs. 12).

6. The narrow way may seem harder than the broad, but its end will be Heavenly (vs. 14).—*J. C. T.*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

KIGHT. On October the eleventh, 1939 the Lord saw fit to take from our midst, Mrs. Louise Kight. She was ill only a few days with pneumonia.

Sister Kight had been a member of the Marietta Baptist Church for quite a number of years.

She was a good friend and neighbor, and loved by many who knew her.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Lee Kight, three daughters, Mrs. Mark Copeland, Mrs. Olive Murray, and Miss Mary Kight; five sons, Cleveland, Estell, Vernie, Lester, and Earnest Kight.

There are six grand-children, and three sisters and three brothers.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. McDonald at Marietta Church, after which her body was laid to rest in the Bazemore Cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Written by a friend,
Mrs. Bennie Anderson

TAYLOR. On September the twenty-third, 1939, the Lord saw fit to take from us the wife of B. W. Taylor. She was well and hearty as far as we all knew until the Lord saw fit to take her. She was a faithful member of Whaley's Chapel church.

She was a good friend and neighbor, and loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, two children, five grand-children, and three sisters. Many relatives and friends.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Lloyd Vernon, after which her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Written by her niece,
Mrs. C. M. Whaley

In all cases where incidental powers are acted upon, the principal and incidental ought to be congenial with each other, and partake of a common nature. The incidental power ought to be strictly subordinate and limited to the end proposed to be attained by the specific power—
From *Henry Clay's Selections*

Boys and Girls Corner

Donald's Flag

"I wish that we had a great big flag," said Donald, wistfully.

Outside of every house on the street, excepting Donalds, fluttered a big flag that Fourth of July, but Donald's mother had to work hard every day and had money enough to buy only a little flag.

"Never mind, dear," she said, "our goodness and our love for our country are in our hearts and not in our windows anyway." So Donald tried to be happy, and soon he and mother went down to the park where a soldier was to make a speech. The boys of Donald's room at school were to be there to sing a flag song, but although he looked, not a boy could he see. Every boy except Donald had stayed home to shoot firecrackers and torpedoes or to have a good time in his own way.

When the man who had charge of the program called for the song, Donald did not quite know what to do, for it was not easy for one boy to sing all alone. "It is for your country," whispered mother, and Donald walked up to the platform with his little cheap flag. His voice was a tiny bit faint at first, but away down in his heart was a little prayer for help, and then his voice rang out sweet and strong.

How the people did clap and cheer when he finished! Then the tall soldier man stood up with a beautiful big flag in his hand. "I was asked," he said to give this flag to the boys who sang, but since only one boy came, I surely think he deserves it all for himself."

And so the most beautiful flag on the street waved in front of Donald's house that afternoon. — *The Sunbeam.*

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2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing [falsehood]?
Ss'-lah.

Ps. 12.2; 31.6, 18; 69.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [come before] thee.
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THRO' the valley and shadow of death tho' I stray,
Since Thou art my Guardian, no evil I fear;
Thy rod shall defend me, Thy staff be my stay;
No harm can befall with my Comforter near;
No harm can befall with my Comforter near.

IN the midst of affliction my table is spread;
With blessings unmeasured my cup runneth o'er;
With perfume and oil Thou anointest my head;
O what shall I ask of Thy providence more?
O what shall I ask of Thy providence more?

LET goodness and mercy, my bountiful God,
Still follow my steps till I meet Thee above;
I seek by the path which my forefathers trod.
Thro' the land of their so-journ, Thy kingdom of love.

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Carteret County Union Report

The union met with the church at Betty on Saturday 28, 1939. The services were opened with singing. Mr. Leslie Styron conducted the un-

ion. Revs. J. C. Griffin and Kennedy were visiting ministers with us in the union. Rev. J. C. Griffin preached the introductory sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. At twelve o'clock we gathered for dinner on the grounds.

After the lunch hour was over, we re-assembled to conduct the business of the union. We received \$31.65 in this union, and brought forward 80 cents from the last union. We gave to the Orphanage \$10; to Foreign Missions, \$3; to retired ministers, \$10; to Home Missions, \$2; for education, 3; to Zion Bible School, \$2; and to the secretary, \$2.

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A Message to Women's Auxiliaries

By MRS. J. E. FRAZIER, First Vice-President National Women's Auxiliary

Enlistment is one of the most important and necessary aims of the National Women's Auxiliary. It is necessary to enlist the women before the other objectives of the Auxiliary can be successfully carried out. It takes women to make a Women's Missionary society or a Ladies' Aid, and it takes women who are really interested to make a live, worthwhile organization, carrying forward the Lord's work. The more women enlisted, the more prayers are ascending to God, the more women receiving information and inspiration from study of missions, the more active in personal service, the more tithes paid and offerings given, and the greater interest in the missionary education of all our people, especially our young people.

The enlistment chairman, the first vice president, must be wide awake and willing to work if new members are to be enlisted. Make a list of all the women on the church roll and give their names to an enlistment committee of which the first vice-president is chairman. Before the day of meeting, the committee having previously divided the names equally among themselves, should visit each one whose name she has drawn and invite them to be present at the next meeting, telling them, if necessary, you will make arrangements to send and bring them to the society. This will mean much toward enlisting the unenlisted.

Divide your Society into groups named for our missionaries. Study the lives and work of these missionaries, having each group write, monthly, to her missionary, and once a year send a "love box" to the chosen missionary.

After each one is enlisted as a member, she must be engaged in the activities of the society if she is to be kept enlisted. So give every wo-

man something to do, and put it into her heart not to be satisfied until she has done her best for her Lord and Master.

Have well planned programs, each month, using as many women as possible from the group having charge of the program. Spend much time, thought and prayer in planning programs; rehearse the program several times before presenting it. Don't just read what is in the Year Book of Programs. They are just the devotional part of your program. Add other topics about the subject of the month, and have a real live program on the monthly topic, as found in our Year Book of Programs. An interesting, well planned program will aid much in enlisting and keeping enlisted all the women in the church.

Where women are busy in the work of the Women's Auxiliary and putting their whole heart and soul into the work, you will find an active Women's Auxiliary, one that is really accomplishing something, one in which it is not hard to enlist women and to keep them enlisted, one whose members are happy and finding joy in serving their Master through the Women's Auxiliary.

88% of the members in the Free Will Baptist churches are said to be unenlisted. Is that the percentage in your church?

May the Lord bless our efforts as we try to lower this percentage by enlisting every woman member in our churches in our Woman's Auxiliary for 1939-1940.

I would like for the first vice-president of every state auxiliary convention or if no state organization every district first vice-president, or if no district organization every local first vice-president throughout our convention to send me your name, address, church, and

what organization you are serving. That is whether the organization is state, district, or local. As your national, first vice-president this year, I am anxious that all first vice-presidents contact me and through me all others throughout our national convention. We want, I am sure, our department to come to the convention at Paintsville next July, with records of a year well-spent in Kingdom service. We must co-operate to do this. So please send me the above information and I shall endeavor to help you make your work a success in your state, district, or local work. Remember now I want to serve you but how can I serve those whom I do not know?

"We must *perspire* ourselves if we would *inspire* others."

I wish it were possible that we could all get together and discuss personally our plans and problems but distance, finances, and positions maybe prevent our doing this so may we do the next best thing—use the mails. We have a plan. So may I have your name that we can work (*perspire*) together to inspire others to help us make our plan produce more and lasting results.

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EDITORIAL

A few days ago we called by to see Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level, North Carolina, and found him a very sick man. Since then we have received word that his condition is very little changed, and that he is still taking treatment for his serious condition. His many good friends are hoping and praying that the heavenly Father will raise him up again. We have learned that very little company is allowed to see him when he is suffering so severely. We are hoping and praying that a change for the better will soon come, and that he will get well very soon. He has been a very active man in the work of the church, and we are very anxious to see him well again and going about his church work.

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Last week we attended the North Carolina Central Conference which convened with Black Jack Church in Pitt County. It was a great occasion lasting for three days. A large number of ministers and delegates was present for all three days. Several ministers from other associations were present, as well as some who had come from other denominations. In all there were about fifteen hundred people in attendance upon the conference. The weather was fine and all seemed to have been feeling well and in the best of spirits.

Texas Ministers

At the last session of the Texas Free Will Baptist Ministers' Association, we agreed to have a special service on Thanksgiving Day and make a contribution to the fund we are raising to begin an orphanage in Texas. I do not know whether you shall observe the new Thanksgiving or the old one but by all means hold a service and make a contribution to this God-given plan.

I have heard and read a number

The devotions and the sermons were delivered by leading men of the conference, and were timely and enjoyed by all present. Special music was rendered each day in connection with the devotions and the messages, and were given by some of the best talent in eastern North Carolina. The business matters pertaining to the conference were attended to in a good way, and several of the outstanding phases of the work of the denomination were discussed and acted upon by the body. In fact, the three days' session was a busy period with the leaders attending to what they thought to be vital matters of the conference.

The local church and community entertained the conference in a splendid way. The long tables on the church grounds were spread each day at the lunch hour with all kinds of good things to eat, and everyone enjoyed the dinner in picnic style in a fine way. The next annual session will be held with the church at Antioch in Wayne County near Goldsboro. It was made plain that this church has recently made improvements in the building, and is well able to take care of the conference. It is in one of the best communities in eastern North Carolina. The people are good livers, and are fine Christian people.

of good reports of the orphanages in North Carolina and Tennessee. They are doing a great and noble work in those states, and only one reason hinders our doing the same in Texas. That reason is the lack of co-operation and interest on the part of our ministers. Someone has well said, "The pews can get no higher than the pulpit." Brothers, let us wake up and begin to lead the flock in our care rather than let the flock push us along. It is unnecessary to tell you of the need of an orph-

anage in our state. It is a well-known fact, and all we lack is the vision.

The Reverend T. W. Smith is the treasurer of this fund and you should send your contributions to him. I am sorry that I cannot give you his address, but if you cannot possibly get his address, just send your offering to the secretary of the Ministers' Association, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, North Zulch, Texas, I am sure he will be glad to forward it for you.

"Have your eyes caught the vision,
Has your heart felt the thrill?
To the call of your master,
Do you answer I Will?"

Aston D. Pegues,
Toccoa Falls, Georgia

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

What Do You Go to Church For?
—Some people go to church just as a habit, some to see and be seen; and some to see their friends. Some go for political reasons—these go when they are running for some office—some go to carry their wife and children. Some go because they are ashamed not to go. Some go for mercenary reasons. Some go to parade their new hat and dress. And some go to actually worship God. These are those who have been "born again." Only the



Rev. J. C. Griffin spiritual minded can "worship God in Spirit and in truth." However, there is another class that is the most pitiful of all those who go for any reason save to worship God and that is the "preacher-worshipper"—the person who goes if he likes the preacher and stays off and pouts if he does not like the preacher.

A God-Called Preacher—A God called minister is one who feels "Woe is unto me, if I preach not

the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Just a preacher can do almost anything. Live crooked, beat his way through life, actually engage in rank sinful practices and then climb into some pulpit and make great orations—telling people how to live—and be blessed by those who do not know him, and by those who want to follow sinful practices themselves, as a great preacher. This fellow preaches for the money he gets. Stop the money and he stops. But a God called-Spirit-filled preacher has a burning zeal and passion for the salvation of the lost and a desire to do his best for the saving of all men. A God called minister will live a clean, holy, unquestionable life so far as it lieth within his power, ever relying upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit for his Guide, Teacher and Empowerer.

Financing the Church—God never planned for the church of Jesus Christ to be financed by the Devil's schemes. Many questionable things are done to raise money for the "poverty-ridden church." Games of chances, drawing, selling of nothing (speaking of value) for a price. God's plan is the "tithe" and the "offering" brought into His "storehouse" which giving God has promised to bless. God never said, "Give me your rags," but has demanded our tithes and offerings." If every church member would stop "robbing God," then there would be no need for any other plan to finance the orphanages, the foreign mission program, the Educational program, and the local church. Many of the churches that have worship with preaching once a month could have a whole time pastor. Don't get out and shout your love for God and then spend your money foolishly for self-gratification — attending the movies, base ball games, prize fights — spending in clubs and many things that people do to throw away money, and then try to prove your love by giving a dime for one chance on a quilt, or turkey, or some other non-Biblical way of giving. I honestly believe that such religion is Laodicean. See Rev. 3:14-19.

The Central Conference — The pastor, this scribe, and the people of Black Jack were blessed with the privilege of entertaining the Central Conference last week in which we felt benefitted. The Conference from beginning to end was chock full of reports, business, and preaching with devotions. Everybody seemed to enjoy the association. May God richly bless all that was done for His glory, and the betterment of the church. May God bless and lead every officer and committee.

An Old-Time Revival at Stony Creek Church

On the Third Sunday night in October, Rev. Clarence Bowen began a series of services at Stony Creek Free Will Baptist Church five miles north of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

In my weak way, I want to tell you, dear readers, how the Lord heard and answered prayer. For weeks preceding the meeting of our Leagues, Ladies Aid, and the church held special prayer services for the success of our revival. We asked the Lord to give us one like we had never had before. Thank the Lord it came. The older members said it resembled a revival which was held at this church some thirty years ago. After the revival began, we continued to pray each day as we met at one o'clock in the different homes for prayer services. We studied the hindrances to prayer.

The messages for the first week were for the church, and how the messenger of God walked over us so to speak. As church members we felt mighty little, and weak in the sight of God.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, and a young Christian leaguer visited in a sick lady's home, and she was wonderfully saved. Her sister-in-law who was called in, was happily saved too. That night at services we Christians were bubbling over with joy when Brother Bowen began the service with that old song, "Oh Lord Send the Power Just Now." It seemed as though

heaven itself hovered over the church. Several Christians testified and conviction was so deep that Mr. Bowen gave the invitation without any preaching at all. Several came back from the church. A drunkard rose to his feet, and said that the testimonies had touched him and he asked for prayer. People came to the altar who had previously said that they did not believe in altar services. Old men as well as the young ones came. On the next night this drunkard was happily converted.

On Wednesday night, we had another wonderful service. The congregation was dismissed twice and still didn't seem to want to go home. So another altar call was given and some came, straightened some misunderstandings, and indifferences between them. How the Lord did bless! Another young man came late one night and confessed his sins, and was happily saved after he had tried to turn his car over on the way home that night from church. He called up Brother Bowen late that night where he was staying with us, and this young husband wanted to confess everything that he had ever done. The result was that he was happily saved that night.

We had another great time of spiritual rejoicing, and thanks be to God for all the good that was accomplished. The meeting closed on Friday night at great interest. Some who were converted had been members of churches for years, but had never experienced the New Birth. Mr. Bowen came back on the first Saturday in November, and baptized seven which was held in the baptism in the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church. In all we had nine to join our church, six by profession of faith and three by statement from other churches.

Eternity alone will tell in full the results of this meeting. The church was greatly edified and built up in a spiritual way. We are asking each one who reads this to pray for us at Stony Creek Church. We want to do our Master's will.

Mrs. J. C. Sasser

Letter from Elder E. T. Phillips

Greetings to the Baptist Readers:

Thinking that many friends far and near would be pleased to hear of my present condition, I take this method of informing them. Though I am nearing my eighty-third milestone, my mind is bright. I am like the apostle Paul, striving to live a life void of offense toward God and all men.

My physical condition is fairly good considering my afflictions. I am suffering with head colds and limited deafness. My bodily weight is as high as it has been for sometime. I have been prostrate for nearly two years on my bed. I am considerably nervous, and not able to leave my bed except for very short periods of time.

With all my illness, I am very much interested in the church affairs, especially that of our denomination. My wife reads the Free Will Baptist paper to me every week. I am constantly praying for the progress of our various churches, and the different organizations in our denomination. May the Lord greatly bless all of the departments of the great work.

I am greatly interested in my friends, and nothing so cheers me as a hearty handshake from the good friends when they drop by to see me. It may greatly concern my friends to know how I am getting along in a financial way. May I say, my good friends during the past year sent me many tokens of love, and esteem in the way of cards, letters, and gifts which were most highly appreciated. These with the regular contributions from the Press have kept us in a fair condition. Though I am taking one kind of medicine which costs me about three dollars a week. While I have gotten along so well in a financial way, we have to go to the Book of Proverbs for one great answer, where Solomon describes the industrious wife thus, "She op-

eneth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of likeness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. . . . Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all" (Proverbs 31:26, 27, 29). I can gladly say that my good wife has done all these wonderful things for me as Solomon tells of the great worth of woman in this last chapter of the Book of Proverbs.

While I am nearing the great divide, I can say as did the apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12). With the greatest of love for the entire brotherhood, I am sincerely and truly,

Your affectionate brother in Christ Jesus,

Elder E. T. Phillips

(Dictated to the editor on the eve of November 11, 1939, from my bed of afflictions.)

Progress of Our Educational Program

By J. R. Davidson,
Bryan, Texas

As time passes we keep moving forward, though not as rapidly as some feel that we should. Still new supporters for our national program are being added each week. Considering our limited means of contact, we are progressing nicely, for comparatively few of our vast numbers read either of our publications. Were it possible to get the Gem and the Baptist into each home, or at least one of them, we could reach our people with our appeal much more satisfactory, and with far more gratifying results. But, even though we have not these advantages, we shall continue in all faithfulness until victory is ours. Pray much for your educational program, and your board.

Since my last report another state has been added to the list of cash donors. One of our spiritual-minded, and far visioned ladies, in the state of Arkansas saw an article in the Gem, or Baptist one, and immediately mailed a nice offering. This lady is none other than Edyth Brooks Collins of Arkadelphia. How many will immediately follow the example of this good sister? Arkansas being added to our list gives us thirteen states listed as cash supporters of this great work, while two more are on the pledge-list.

Inasmuch as we can profit by each other's examples I shall mention some of the communications which have come recently: Mrs. J. E. Frazier of Nashville, Tennessee writes to say that the Tennessee State Association voted a whole-hearted approval of the National move, and of purchasing the site at Greenville for our property. I assume that the plan for raising funds to meet the needs for her state is in the hands of the state organization—surely this should be the medium.

Brother Winford Davis of Missouri communicates information to the effect that his state has appointed special field workers, and placed receipt books in their hands for convenience in this campaign. Many other states could profit by Missouri's example.

The Texas State Association voted a unanimous approval of asking our churches for the equivalent of twenty five cents per member for this cause by July 1, 1940, twelve and a half cents of which is asked for by January 1, 1940. I hear somebody ready to say Texas will not do that. True it may be so, but we shall be trying, and some of our churches will put it over, and even more. The start has been made. What if there could be that much cash reported from the entire field when we assemble at Paintsville next July? Would we not have cause for shouting? Well, we can do just that if every one will begin now to co-operate.

Brother Henry Melvin of North Carolina writes in to express with a \$44.00 check from his union meeting in the Western Association. He asks for more information to communicate to his people, which I gladly forwarded. It is a joy to co-operate like this, and I wonder if others cannot do a similar work through their unions and associations.

Should any of you have plans for any of our activities in this great work feel free to forward them, for we are only your servants; hence we are in a position to take orders and suggestions.

So far as the Chairman of your Board knows we have no special development in view at this time other than to continue raising every dollar possible in order to be able to take advantage of what we shall be able to locate in the way of property for our school site. We are ready to launch forth into an educational program as soon as it is made possible by unstinted support. We thank every one for co-operation given thus far, and again are pledging our best for you.

My financial statement will be in itemized form for the state of Texas this time:

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Information Concerning Rev. S. H. Styron

Dear Baptist Readers:

Just a few lines to the Baptist to let Mr. Styron's friends know of his condition at this time.

The doctor just left, and said he would expect him to go to Duke this coming week, and Tuesday of this week was the day set to go. He will have to take more treatments of the therapy, and similar treatments he had while in Johns Hopkins Hospital. His condition seems about the same and very little improvement so far as I can see.

We are very thankful of all the things that have been done for us, and appreciate every thing anyone has sent us. We're hoping we can be of service soon, and show how much we appreciate what you've meant to us.

I hate to make mention of this in my letter, but never the less, I feel that an explanation is very necessary. Several of my friends have told me that it was told at the State Association that Mr. Styron would not have to pay to go to Johns Hop-

kins in Baltimore. Well I am in possession of the receipts that I paid each time, and I also have the statements that were mailed to him for payment. I paid \$75 when he entered and Dr. M. Hinnant and Rev. R. N. Hinnant were present when I paid this and at the end of the third week I received a statement for \$24.00. I paid this with cash from Pleasant Grove Church. When he had finished treatment ready to come home, I had received a statement by request of the nurse that we were leaving and what was due, so I had a call to go to the cashier's office and I paid with a check the amount of \$52.00 which totals \$151.00, which was considered minister's rates.

It cost me to stay up there, and I didn't feel like leaving him all alone in Baltimore, but these were his expenses. In order that there be no misunderstanding I send these figures to the Press.

Several churches have sent him money. Ladies Aids, Sunday School classes, personal checks and get well cards with a bill enclosed, and we have used this money for good purposes, meeting obligations, that we were supposed to meet in the fall, had he not been stricken down. I wish I could write everybody a personal card or letter that has been so kind in remembering us, not only in money but food and gifts, but we're thanking you thru the Baptist.

You may write him at Pine Level and our postmaster will forward it to Duke.

He had a nice telegram from the Central Conference this past week and a check for \$38.84 for which we are very grateful, and using to pay his taxes.

Very respectfully,
Mrs. S. H. Styron

In the enjoyment of blessings, nations as well as individuals are more prone to forget than to overrate their value.—William H. Seward.



Plan to Visit the Orphan- age Thanksgiving, November 30

Reading from left to right are Billie Powell, Kannapolis, Mary Lou Raper, Lucama, Charles and Hilda Harrell of Snow Hill, and Billie Lucas of Wilson. These, with the rest of our eighty-two children are looking to us for a chance in life. As we all know, they are dependent through no fault of their own, but an all wise providence has so designed. I wonder if Christ would not say of them as he once said of a poor blind boy, "Neither have these sinned nor their parents, but that the works of God might be manifest." We have had a most encouraging fall thus far, and many of our ministers and churches are earnestly working on their fall drive. With the idea of economy in mind, we do not have paid field workers as many such institutions. We are leaving the campaign in the hands of our supporters and we are depending on their enthusiasm to make it a success. We have recently received a number of donations from different Ladies Aid Societies in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Building fund. Since we have but a few weeks left before the first of another year, may we urge our people to rally to the Cause the remaining weeks of this season. We are listing below the names of the Ladies Aid Societies and individuals having responded to the Building fund since our last

report. We are calling Thanksgiving "Home-Coming" for the former children.

Receipts

L. A. S. of Antioch Church, Wayne County -----	\$ 10.00
L. A. S. of Little Creek Ch., Greene County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Saratoga Church, Wilson County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Piny Grove Ch., Pitt County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Gum Swamp Ch., Pitt County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Reedy Branch Ch., Pitt County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Marlboro Church, Pitt County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Edgewood Ch., Edgecomb County ----	10.00
L. A. S. of Aspin Grove Ch., Wilson County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Grimsley's Ch., Greene County -----	10.00
St.'s Delight Church, Greene County -----	10.00
L. A. S. of Powhatan Ch., Johnston County ----	1.50
Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Dur- ham -----	8.50
Rev. L. S. Joyner, Durham--	13.50
Rev. N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill -----	13.50
L. A. S. of LaGrange Church	5.00
L. A. S. of Hopewell Church, Johnston County -----	5.00
North Carolina Central Con- ference -----	50.00
District League Convention, By Billie Wellons ----	5.00
Total -----	\$ 212.00

Previously Reported--\$2251.55

Grand Total -----\$2463.55

Expenditures

Bricks ----- \$ 725.00

Total Expenditures---- 725.00

Balance on hand -----\$1738.55

Total Building Fund--\$2463.55

Six Missionary Beatitudes

Blessed are the missionaries of the Gospel, for to them is given the promise of the presence of Christ (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Blessed are the sowers of the Word of God, for they shall abundantly rejoice (Psalm 126:6).

Blessed are those who turn many to righteousness, for they shall shine forever (Daniel 12:3).

Blessed are they who spend themselves in helpful service among the needy brethren of our Lord, for they shall have the benediction of the King (Matthew 25:34-36).

Blessed are those who give to help forward the Kingdom of God, for these have the approval of the Savior (Acts 20:35).

Blessed are they who give up loved ones for the service of Christ, for they shall have eternal compensations (Matthew 19:29).—*Record of Christian Work.*

"A Silver Testimony"

Yes, we are going to have one on December 3, and at which time every Free Will Baptist will be given the opportunity of having a part in the silver testimony service.

My church is planning big on having it, and I know of other churches that are too. Are you planning to join us on that happy occasion? It is only a chance to prove your love for Christ by serving your fellow-man.

As Chairman of the National Superrannuation Board, I have no fear of defeat. I believe when a worthy cause invites the financial support of our people, they will respond gen-

erously. If we know of a worthy cause which might claim our attention at the present it is superannuation.

Truly, we are appealing to our young people again to sponsor the Birthday Celebration, but we have placed no boundary on age. We hope the older you are the firmer superannuation will grip your heart. Don't be a complainer, a knocker, a fault finder, or that manufacturer of excuses. But be that optimistic, enthusiastic booster that will influence others to join in, and give their silver testimony at this big celebration.

Who has said, "The Free Will Baptists won't co-operate"? Well you just wait until you read the report of the National Superannuation Birthday Celebration, and then you will have to take that statement back. Don't forget! Just give your silver testimony at the Birthday Celebration on December 3. It is your job and mine, and why not do the job well?

The Board is counting on you!

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, *Chairman*

Notice

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY AT HANSLEY'S CHAPEL

There will be a Sunday School Rally at Hansley's Chapel November the twenty-sixth, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Special Features on the day's program will include (1) as speaker, Rev. M. E. Tyson, *Superintendent* of the Orphanage, and (2) music by a group of the orphanage children.

Everyone is welcome to attend. A banner is given to the Sunday School having the largest representation.

L. S. Joyner, *President*,
Annie Belle Price, *Secy.*

Notice

The Sunday School Convention of the Third Union meeting district of the Eastern Association will convene with Rooty Branch Church, Duplin County, November 26, at 10:45 o'clock. Each Sunday School

is urged to represent. The public is invited.

Rashie Kennedy, *Secretary*

If liberty be justly esteemed the most invaluable right of man and boon of Heaven, then who shall condemn the citizen of this republic for glorifying his native land? —*Wm. H. Seward.*

Announcement

I am available for pastoral care of Second and Fourth Sunday churches.

J. P. Barrow

Snow Hill, N. C.

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The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

A splendid book by a competent author.

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"Eternal Life" AND CONDITION OF IT

By Elder N. P. Gates

Subject for discussion at the first Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan, morning and evening, Sunday, October the 8th, 1939.

What is it? Our answer is this, *Christ in you, the hope of Glory.*

Webster tells us, that eternal is without beginning or ending; everlasting, an appellation of God: see—

Eternity, Infinite duration; unending. (An eternal abode.)

Immortal, not subject to death, imperishable.

Immortality, exemption from death or oblivion; unending existence.

STATE OF IMMORTALITY

(*Eternal*)

(see the following excerpts)

I

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, *eternal life*. Romans 2:7.

(He that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. (Mark 13:13; Matthew 10:22.))

II

For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. I Cor. 15:53.

III

For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, *eternal in the heavens*. II Cor. 5:1.

IV

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:17.

V

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. II Timothy 1:10.

Text: John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he

that *heareth* my word, and *believeth* on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but *is* passed from death unto life.

Beloved, we take from this, that the Apostle doesn't mean to imply "He that *hath* heard my word," or "*Hath* believed," but a continuation, as to live is to exist, or have life: reside; endure; subsist.

(As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. John 15:9.) see also I John 4:17, 5:1-13.

II

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which *endureth unto everlasting life*, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him (Son of man) God the Father hath healed. John 6:27.

III

Also, speaking to unbelievers

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (. . . a stranger will they not follow, John 10:5.) And I *give unto them eternal life*; John 10:26-28b.

Notice, the sentence, is, (present tense, *judgment*) passed from death (*eternal death*) unto life, (*eternal life*). Neither has any reference to this life, or death of the flesh. *You will do well to see I John 3:1-12.*

IV

Fight the good fight of faith, lay on *eternal life*, whereunto thou art also called and hath professed before many witnesses. I Timothy 6:12. see also 19th verse.

Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on *eternal life*.

In hope of *eternal life*, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. Titus 1:2.

V

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of *eternal life*. Titus 3:7.

VI

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for

what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? Romans 8:24.

So beloved, it behooves us to labor on in love, in full assurance of faith (for he is faithful that promised), walking by faith and not by sight, that we may obtain that crown of life, that is made possible through his shed blood, that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

VII

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even *eternal life*. I John 2: 24, 25.

VIII

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto *eternal life*. Jude 20, 21.

Being built up in the most holy faith, we become servants of God in righteousness, (Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Romans 6:18).

IX

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto *eternal life* by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21.

X

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:22, 23.

This gospel confirms the prophecy of the prophet Daniel, as of the judgment. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2.

XI

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the

righteous unto life eternal. Matthew 25:46.

(To be continued)

News from Soundside Church

Dear Baptist Readers:

I wish to report our work which is going on here at Soundside Church in Tyrrell County.

Our revival began on the Fifth Sunday night in July and closed on the First Sunday in August. Rev. R. E. Tripp delivered the morning messages, and our pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, delivered the evening messages. We had a real soul-stirring revival. There were five additions to the church and many were brought nearer to the foot of the cross.

Brother Tripp stayed with us through the next week and taught vocal music. We had two classes each day with a large attendance. We appreciate the help which Brother Tripp rendered and feel that much needed good was accomplished.

We now have four very active leagues: Junior, Intermediate, Senior and adult. The Juniors and Intermediates brought back the State Honor Shields from the State League Convention on July 3 and 4. The Intermediate league now holds the district Achievement Banner. They have kept it for the last three quarters.

The Senior and the Adult leagues sponsor a midweek prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Most of the time we meet in the home of some sick person, or those who are shut-in. We have a large crowd and everybody looks forward to Wednesday night. There have been many good results seen in our community coming from our prayer meeting.

There have been much improvement in our church by the new coat of paint which we have just put on the walls and roof. The lawn has been kept in good condition during the summer months. We think the Clean-up Days help very much the looks of the church.

Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern is our pastor. He first pastored our church in 1915, and has served us several times since then, proving to be a great pastor. Every one has learned to love him and somehow it seems that we just cannot get along without Brother Griffin.

Thank the Lord we have been able to do just a few things for His

great cause, and we are proud of it. However, we must not stop here for there is still great need for much work in our church and community to be done. If we win, we must work, so let us get in the race for the kingdom of God.

Pray for us at Soundside Church.

(Miss) Marie Edwards,

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The winner of the game will be the player who recognizes on his card or cards the answer to these questions and is the first player to cover all the answers with the question cards surrendered by the leader for his correct answers. Each question card has the key to the answer printed on it, making dispute impossible. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

The Game of Bible Quotto



is so named because it is a combination of "Quotation" and "Lotto" and is played somewhat like the latter, but with important and very interesting differences. There are 15 large cards (4½x7 inches), each printed in a different color, making the outfit on the playing table very attractive to the players. There are also provided 120 smaller cards (1½x2 inches). Each player is given one of the large cards (or more if agreed). If there are any left over they are placed face up in the center or to one side of the table in "Eliza's Place." All fifteen cards should be used.

The object of the game is to complete one card. Each player reads the first part of the quotation, printed on the small covering cards, and the other players try to complete the quotation, from the larger cards. Then the smaller card is placed face down on its quotation, making a blank where there had been a half-finished quotation.

The Scriptural reference is cited with each quotation. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

The Acme Bible Book Game



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consists of 66 round - cornered cards (2½x3½ inches), representing individual books of the Bible. On the top of each card is indicated the Division to which the card belongs. Example: Hebrews belongs to the General Epistles Division. There are two numbers, one in black and one in red, 8 indicating that there are eight books in the Division. The red is 1, indicating the order of the book in its Division. There are ten Divisions represented in the set of cards.

The design of the game is to have the contestants win by the highest number. Marked cards have been provided by the figure 5 in red. When all the cards have been played, individual players or partners are given credit accordingly. The player receiving the first three hundred count wins the game.

This game helps folks get acquainted with the Books of the Bible in their proper place. It provides entertainment for Church and Sunday School groups. It is a profitable pastime in the home. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

The Game of Bible Rhymes



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each having eight of the answers printed on them. The game is played like Bible Lotto, but the questions are different and the method of asking them in short catchy rhymes adds novelty and excites alert interest.

An example:

"A ruddy shepherd had
Five tiny pellics had
With them, Goliath vanquished."

Each answer is self-verifying, making dispute impossible. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

Second Union Report

The Second Union of the Central Conference convened with Rose of Sharon Church in Martin County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October. The devotional services were conducted by Elder W. A. Dail, and prayer was offered by Elder R. H. Mason. The following ministers were present: R. P. Harris, Moderator; D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, W. A. Dail, R. H. Mason, Marshall Joyner, Heber Joyner, E. L. Abrams.

The moderator made a splendid talk, thanking each one who had in any way helped to make the union what it has been during the past year. We had a splendid union with all churches representing except Arthur and Hugo. The union meeting sermon was delivered by Elder D. W. Alexander on the subject, "The Unity of the Body of Christ." It was a masterpiece.

Special music was rendered by Elder R. P. Harris and Sister Mildred Pelt during the day, and was enjoyed by all present. At the noon hour we were dismissed and invited on the yard to a bountiful spread of good things to eat.

After the lunch hour was over we re-assembled in the church to enter into the business and after song and prayer we proceeded to transact the business matters. A special prayer was offered for Elder W. T. Pollard and others by Elder W. B. Nobles. The following officers were elected for the next year: Moderator, Elder R. P. Harris; assistant moderator, D. W. Alexander; clerk, E. C. Hines; treasurer, Elder W. A. Dail; Finance Committee, M. H. Whichard, C. E. Corbett, J. L. Nobles, Henry Harris, Jr., W. F. Bowens. The treasurer of the Needy Ministers' Fund is J. H. Harris. The committee to pass on for funds for needy ministers is Elders J. C. Moye, M. A. Woodard, W. A. Dail. To represent the stock in the Free Will Baptist Press, Elder D. W. Alexander. The program committee: E. C. Hines, Elders D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles. The Educa-

tional committee: Elders D. A. Windham, J. C. Moye, and J. K. Barnhill. The flower committee: Sisters M. A. Woodard, Margaret Alexander, Sophia Hardee.

The Finance committee reported funds sent in for all purposes to the amount of \$110.29, and paid out amounts as follows: to the clerk, \$5; W. T. Pollard, \$13.29; missions, \$3.20; Orphanage, \$65.80; Needy Ministers' Fund, \$23.

Then the petitions were taken for the next union, and it was voted to go to St. Delight Church in Greene County. Elder W. B. Nobles is to preach on Sunday, and Elder Chester Pelt on his failure. There was a rising vote of thanks extended to this church for the kindness, and the fine hospitality shown this union during this session. The union then adjourned to meet with St. Delight Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1939.

Eld. R. P. Harris, *Moderator*,
E. C. Hines, *Clerk*

Gratitude

By Mrs. John G. Eavey

Such love as Thine has set my heart to singing,
Though Thou inhabitest eternity,
Yet Thou dost dwell with contrite hearts and broken,
And "whosoever will" may come to Thee.
For every man didst Thou taste death on Calvary,
And by Thy power Thou didst arise;
But Thou hast chosen weak things, base, despised,
To bring to nought the wisdom of the wise.
Thou knowest how to make affliction glory,
To change the sorrow of the heart to song,
And in temptation, make a way to bear it,
No trial of spirit Thou dost lend too long.
In praise to Thee, Lord Jesus, my heart sings
With gratitude for all these wondrous things!

—Clipped

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Works of the Messiah

(Lesson for November 26)

Lesson: Matthew 8 and 9. Lesson Text: Matthew 8:14-27.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good*" (Acts 10:38).

Jesus performed miracles. They proved His Messianic authority. Multitudes marveled at His authority in speech (Matthew 7:28, 29). The world is in sad need of Jesus' authority. Scripture teaches that nations and mankind will experience increasing confusion and disaster until Jesus reigns on earth in Messianic authority. Through miracles of healing, He proved ability to give mankind the perfect health promised during the Millennial reign. His healings were instantaneous, complete, permanent and without limitation. Dr. Howard A. Kelly, honored world-wide as a physician, states that the one uncured disease among mankind causing all sickness is sin. Sir Andrew Clark, a famous English physician, wrote, "There is one remedy for all this spiritual disease, and that remedy is the person and work of Jesus Christ."—H. H.

How powerful and prevailing are the prayers of God's people who come to Him, seeking His healing, saving touch for others. Are we ever more unselfish than when we come into the presence of the Giver of all good, seeking His blessings, not for ourselves, but for others? We think not. Oh that there were more of His people given to the ministry of intercessory prayer, petitioning God for the bodily and spiritual needs of others!

"Lord, help me to live from day to day,

In such a self-forgetful way;

Then even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer may be for others!"

—W. B. K.

I. HOME WORK

1. Make a list of twenty miracles that Jesus performed.

2. Has anyone ever had a bodily affliction for the glory of God? (John 11:4; Philippians 2:25-30).

3. How did the ministry of healing the sick affect our Lord physically? (Mark 5:25-34).

4. How does the Psalmist describe the utter loneliness of Christ? (Psalms 107:6-8; 22:1).

5. What is the price of true discipleship? (Matthew 10:37, 38; Luke 14:26, 27).

6. What reward does the Lord promise to those who are willing to pay the price? (Matthew 17:1, 2; 4:1; 26:36, 37; Acts 1:8).

8. What was the difference between the sleep of Jonah and the sleep of Jesus in the storm? (Jonah 1:5; Matthew 8:24).

9. Did the disciples ever doubt again after this experience? (Matthew 14:31; 16:8; Luke 12:28).

10. To what conclusion did the miracles of Christ lead the disciples? (Matthew 14:33). —J. C. T.

11. Read Genesis 27. Note carefully verses 2 and 41. Isaac thought his own death was near. So did Esau. Yet Isaac lived more than twenty years. It was an Eastern custom to speak of one near death as if he were already dead.

"And another of His disciples said unto him, Lord suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead" (Matthew 8:21, 22).

Commanded by Jesus to follow Him, this hesitating disciple asks for delay. He desires permission to perform another duty first of all; that is, to first bury his father. His

father at the time was obviously still alive, though he may have been aged. He desires to wait until his father dies and he has performed the duty of burying him.

This disciple's father, like Isaac, might have lived for several years. Many a missionary has been reluctant to leave aged relatives to go to a distant land to preach the gospel, but "the king's business requireth haste."

II. ADDITIONAL HINTS

1. Impotence of humanity

2. Omnipotence of Christ

The central theme of this lesson is the power of Christ. *We see the impotence of humanity.* (1) There is the helpless woman lying prostrate on her bed, a burning fever has gripped her which made it impossible for her to do her daily duties. There are those (2) brought to Jesus by friends (Matthew 8:16). The word "brought" suggests helplessness. Most would need the aid of friends if they were to reach the place of blessing. (3) The distressed disciples who were weak and fearful before the raging sea. These represent the weakness of man in a spiritual sense. Man is sick, needy, threatened with eternal destruction, and in his utter weakness *he is unable to save himself* (Psalm 6:2; Matthew 26:41; Romans 7:18, 19; 8:3). Then, the *omnipotence of Christ*: At His touch the fever vanished (Matthew 8:15), and at His Word (vs. 16) devils were cast out and the sick were healed; the storm was stilled. The Lord had only to say, "Peace be still" (Mark 4:39), and at once the "wind ceased, and there was a great calm". Because Christ is "the Son of God with power" (Rom. 1:4), He has authority over disease, the tempest, the raging sea. The sea heard His voice, the Voice of its Ruler. It renders Him obedience (Isaiah 50:2) even as a dutiful child does to its parents. "Even the winds and the sea obey Him". The devils were aware they were in the presence of their Conqueror (Luke 4:34-41). To his dis-

ciples He gave this same power and authority over demons (9:1; 10:17). This same Christ to whom all power is given (Matthew 28:18), is with us today (vs. 20). He is available to us all and waits to empower us with the fullness of the Holy Spirit for life and for service. To those who surrender themselves fully to His will, He will prove that He is just the same to-day and that His touch has still its ancient power (John 14:12). —Hedley.

Behold—The Morning Comes!

By T. O. Chisholm

Across the wind-blown waste of years,
Bestrewn with pain and strife and tears,
A gladd'ning call faith, list'ning, hears:
"Behold—the morning comes!"

Now, much of myst'ry life enshrouds;
Here, troubles come in trooping crowds.
But lo! a morning "without clouds!"
"Behold—the morning comes!"

Full soon the night of sin and wrong,
Through which the world has traveled long,
Will flee before the triumph song,
"Behold—the morning comes!"

Lift up your heads, ye heirs of grace,
Sadness be gone from every face,
Redemption's hour draws on apace—
"Behold—the morning comes!"

Long-promised morn, speed on!
Lo! in the East the rose of dawn!
The Long, long night will soon be gone!—
"Behold—the morning comes!"

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Boys and Girls Corner

The Connecting Lines

Roswell had been away from home for a week on a visit. The first night after he came home, he said to his mother, "While I was at Uncle Thedford's I did not say my prayers at all, and God took care of me just the same. Why can't I just quit saying my prayers at home? It is such a bother to have to do it every day."

"You may try it that way for a while," his mother replied. "You needn't pray for a week from tonight."

Roswell was surprised at his mother's answer, but he was glad too, that she had given her consent for him to quit praying.

In a day or two Roswell's father went to New York City to be gone a week. The house seemed very lonely.

"We will write to Daddy every day, won't we, mother?" said Roswell.

And his mother gave him such a strange answer. "No; it will be such a bother," she said. "Your father left us plenty of everything, and he knows about everything here there is to tell him."

"But we will want to write," said Roswell. "Don't you s'pose he will want to get letters? We can tell him how much we love him."

"Oh, he knows that!" said mother.

The next day Roswell said, "Let's phone to Daddy on the long-distance."

"Let's not bother about it," said his mother. "As long as we are well, and have plenty of money, it is not worth while to bother with the telephone. It is nice to have the connecting lines between here and New York; but I don't care to use

them unless we should get into some kind of trouble or need something."

Roswell looked strangely at his mother, and at bedtime he said, "Mother. I'm going to say my prayers again—because I want to."

"I was sure you would want to before long," said his mother. "You know we have missed Daddy, even while we have plenty of everything to live on. Well, it is a great deal harder to live without your Heavenly Father, and you needn't ever do it—all your life—unless you choose to."

"I guess I don't want to live all the time like I did at Uncle Thedford's," said Roswell.

"I'm sure you don't," said mother.

"We wouldn't think of wanting to break down the telephone lines between here and New York. With them we can call Daddy any hour, day or night. Well, when you neglect to pray, you are tearing down the lines that connect you with your Heavenly Father, and so you will soon lose touch with Him."

"I don't want to do that," said Roswell.

"Suppose we call Daddy on the long-distance, and tell him how much we have missed him," said mother.

"Oh, let's," cried Roswell. "Isn't it great to have connecting lines?"
—Unknown.

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(Radio message by Rev. W. L. Moretz, Free Will Baptist Pastor and Evangelist, Swannanoa, N. C., over WPTF, November 13, 1939 on Your Daily Devotional Program.)

Text: "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch."

Acts 11: 26

This is a very plain statement of an historical fact. Who first called the disciples Christians is not so plain, but it is supposed that the name came from outside the group, as they called themselves "Brethren," "Disciples," "Believers" or "Saints". The name "Christian", therefore, was used, in connection with them, scornfully, but it was exactly descriptive of their lives and daily conduct, for Christian means *Christ-likeness*. So, henceforth, they, and all true followers of Christ, have been called by that holy name. Thus the reproachful name, given by their enemies, has become one of honor to all those who possess it in its truest meaning.

Are we Christians? Christians are Christ-like! Surely no greater honor could be conferred upon a person than to say his or her deportment is so like that of Christ that men can see Christ's image in us.

The true Christian is a rebuke to the sinner. He is a living protest against sin. Sinners rebuke and slander us because we make them uneasy.

Are we Christians? Then we ought to think, speak, act, and live at all times and in all places as becomes Christians. We must do nothing to bring reproach to that worthy name by which we are called.

1. What Does it Mean to Be a Christian? Let us consider this question negatively. A good moral life is not always a Christian life. A Christian is moral in every respect, but a moral person may not be a Christian by any means.

Morals can never be substituted for Christianity. Church member-

ship will not make one a Christian. Church membership does not save. It takes more than merely belonging to a church or attending church services to make one worthy of a name which means Christ-likeness. None of these will take the place of repentance or the new birth. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again". That means to be converted, regenerated,



REV. W. L. MORETZ

made, by the divine Spirit, a new creature in Christ Jesus. When one has experienced these things, and lives daily for Christ, that one can truly be called a Christian.

Let us make a few simple tests of our Christian lives by that of Christ. Let us consider:

Did Christ gamble? Did Christ use profane language? Did Christ ever become intoxicated? Did Christ ever slander His fellowman? Did Christ ever go into the questionable places or do the questionable things of the world? The answer to all these questions is No.

His life was such that one said, "He was a good man". Another ex-

claimed, "Surely this is the Son of God." And Peter said He was one "who went about doing good." Jesus lived a life above reproach, and commanded His people, "Follow Me". One lives right not to be saved, but because he is saved.

2. To walk with God Should Be the Ambition of Every Christian. There are many today who once had beautiful Christian testimonies, but because they failed to go hand in hand with God, they have long since lost their songs of praise. They have broken step with God, and let their hands drop out of His and have wandered away from Him. They no longer are examples to those who would come to Him. My Christian brother, sister, we can have the best, sweetest, and deepest fellowship with God when we walk close beside Him.

"Oh, it is joy to walk with my Saviour,

And to have His hand in mine;
To be able to say, in life's darkest day,

O, blessed Jesus I am forever Thine."

Too many so-called Christians hang on both sides of the fence. They are after the things both the world and the church offer. The world doesn't believe in their religion, and the church is afraid to trust them. Both cry out today for Christians who live what they profess. The time, my friends, is here when there must be a marked difference between the man of the world and that of the church. To walk with God means that we are to go with Him, following in His ways and not in the ways of the world. To walk with God is to be in harmony with Him. People are to be pitied who

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EDITORIAL

Figures Will Tell

According to reliable facts and figures recently compiled and obtained from authoritative sources, the support to religious causes seems to be less now than it was in the days of depression. For example, our national income in 1932 was \$40,014,000,000 dollars. In 1937 it was \$71, 853, 000,000 dollars. This represents an increase of \$31, 839, 000,000, or seventy-nine per cent increase over the year 1932, when the depression was over the country. From the same official reports, the contributions to the churches of this country was \$398,828,514 dollars in 1932, and in 1937 it was only \$314,946, 269 dollars. This shows a decrease of twenty-one per cent, or \$83,882,245 dollars less in a prosperous year as compared to one of the bad years in the depression. What caused the difference? When the country was in the depths of the depression, did the people think more of the need of giving to the church than they did in 1937 when the nation had come out of the dark days of the depression? Were they thinking more of God and the cause of righteousness then and the needs of the church than they were in the year 1937? Or is it the fact that prosperity and good times tend to draw people from their church duties, and lead them to center their interests upon material things? There is an old saying to this effect: "The people cry out to God when they are overtaken by calamities and grievous burdens too heavy to bear."

May we note again from the same reliable sources that the average church member in this country gave last year an average of \$13.47 for all forms of church work. In 1932, the deepest year of the depression, the average church member gave \$16.11. Notice again that back in 1930, the average church member gave \$23.38 for all church purposes.

The figures state that this was the highest average ever recorded. We now ask, must we have another depression for the people to be brought to their sense of duty which they owe to the church? As long as some people are getting along well financially, they have less regard for the church and the cause which it represents. Many people today claim that they do not have the time to go to church. They say that they have too much to do to take the time off to go to the house of God to worship Him. But let a calamity come upon them that will put them to thinking of the great powers of earth, and then they will humble themselves, and give God more of their substance, and draw close to Him.

Again, we learn that more money is being spent for alcoholic beverages in this country today than is given to all of the churches in the land for the spreading of the gospel. Men will spend freely money for the desires of the flesh, but give stingingly to the needs of the spiritual welfare of the nation. But they will never drink themselves into a prosperous state, nor find themselves in favor with God for their much spending in drunkenness and the exercise of corrupt habits. A people becomes unsafe physically, mentally and morally when they cease to adhere to the principle of correct habits and treat God and the cause of righteousness as secondary things. It has been recently stated by men of authority that more money is being burned up in the form of cigarettes by the men and women of this country than is given for the support of all religious activities in the United States. The average smoker spends three times more money, week in and week out, for cigarettes than he gives to the church and Sunday School. Christ said, "Where your treasure is, there

will your heart be also." Their hearts are set on satisfying the desires for tobacco and strong drink. They find a way to buy these things because they have sufficient desires to get the money to pay for them. Solomon said, "As he thinketh in his heart so is he." Man's willingness or determination to do a thing determines very largely the way he will respond to a given situation, whether it be supporting the church and its causes, or whether it be the satisfaction of his own lusts of the flesh.

We learn that the average citizen spends twice as much in this country for the maintenance of armies and navies as he does for churches and Sunday Schools. The safe guards of peace and happiness as a nation from the possible attack from enemy nations, because of greed, covetousness and hatred between races, are exacting greater concern than is paid to the church for the spread of righteous living. There are recent estimates which state that in this country the government is spending fifteen times as much for crime as is spent for all the churches in the United States. From these figures, it looks like more emphasis should be laid on strengthening the church, and the cause of righteousness now than ever in our land. If crime is increasing, drinking is spreading, and the moral corruption of this country are becoming greater, it is high time for the people to open their eyes and see what they should do to check the serious situation. The church would become more effective and would be able to reach out and do more if the people would come to its rescue, and give to it their hearty support. They would live better and be happier.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAYS:

It is a consoling circumstance that when we look out, there is nothing that really hurts anybody. . . . And from it we may conclude that all we want is time, patience, and a reliance on that God who has never forsaken his people.—From BRILLIANT THOUGHTS FOR MEN.

"Eternal Life"

AND CONDITION OF IT

By Elder N. P. Gates

(Continued from last issue)

CONDITION OF ETERNAL LIFE

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7.

II

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James 4:8-10.

So *beloved*, It takes a renouncing of the things that pertains to this world, coming unto Jesus, believing that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him, Let us lay aside the weight, and the sin that doth easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrew 12:1b, 2a.

III

The rich young ruler realized there was something for him to do that he might inherit eternal life; Notwithstanding the fact he had kept the commandments, but he lacked one thing: And *beloved*, That one thing is the great hindrance today, of many coming unto the Lord and living a victorious life through him; Desiring riches, and lusts of this life, following their own pernicious ways; rather than follow the way of the Lord.

Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come *life everlasting*. Luke 18:28-30.

IV

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have *everlasting life*. John 3:16.

Beloved, Perish, as referred to here, does not infer some obstruction, or destruction of this life, (in the flesh), But refers to the eternal destruction; hence everlasting, or eternal life instead, for the believer.

V

The word says, he that doth righteousness is born of God. . .

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29.

VI

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believe on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:40.

VII

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. John 4:36.

VIII

Verily, verily I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto eternal. John 12:24, 25.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

IX

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. I John 5:10-13.

Therefore, we must forsake all, and follow him, for there's none other name given under heaven or among men whereby we must be saved.

X

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matthew 19:29.

XI

Let us notice his prayer when our blessed Lord prayed to the Father for those that believed in him.

As thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:2, 3.

XII

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE (?)

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:7, 8, 9.

XIII

RAPTURE

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:27, 28 see also Romans the 8th chapter. . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Unsavd Man Cannot Know Spiritual Things—"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). The sinner is not saved by understanding, but "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: No works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Spiritual Death—"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). Adam was spiritually dead as soon as he disobeyed God. God said to Adam, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Spiritual death means alienation from the life of God. Death does not mean annihilation. The unsaved on earth are spiritually dead, but they are walking around, breathing God's pure air and enjoying God's sunshine, but they know not God, therefore they are dead to God. As this is true in this life, so, the "Second death" does not mean annihilation but eternal separation — alienation from God. "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death" (Revelation 20:14).

Paraphrasing — "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith" (and does nothing for the orphanage, can his faith feed and clothe the orphans?) "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit? Even so faith" (if it does not feed the hungry, clothe the naked, support Home and Foreign missions, take care of the old worn-out ministers, build churches, take care of the orphans,

support the church in full) "is dead." (words in parentheses are mine). See James 2:14-19.

Message to Georgia

We are making arrangements to have a daily program over WPAX Thomasville from January 1, to the last of March. This station broadcasts over 1210 Kilocycles.

There is a daily devotional at 9:30 eastern standard time, and you can learn the hour we will be on, if you listen to this program the last days of December.

We have near the amount of monthly contributors to pay for the actual broadcast. I am fully confident we will get the rest.

If you want to be one of our monthly contributors you may write us till the third Sunday in December at Glennville, Georgia. After the third Sunday in December you may write us at 115 Cecil Street, Thomasville, Georgia, until we get our permanent location. We hope to move to Thomasville after 3rd Sunday in December.

We have just closed our State Convention. I wish to say it was a lovely session. Many fine reports came in that made us happy. There were five associations with us this time and we hope the other four will be represented with us next year. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, after second Sunday in November with Greenwood Church 7 miles southwest of Camilla, Georgia.

These associations, which represented, showed signs of much progress in the Cracker State.

A more detailed report will come from the secretary soon.

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Glennville, Georgia

P. S. You folks, who have pledged, please send in your first monthly pledge after third Sunday in December to 115 Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Remember we have to pay for the program for a month at the time and that in advance.—K. V. S.

In the Service of the King

When a person is in the service of the King, he has happiness, peace and joy that nothing else can bring. We have all seen people, who seemingly, had everything one could wish for, but still, if that person is not in the service of the Lord, something is lacking in his life. He does not have the peace of mind that comes to a Christian.

I do not say that the path of a Christian is strewn with roses. There are many thorns along the way. They worry over the condition of others and are not satisfied with the service they have rendered for the Lord, but still they do have the consolation of knowing they are doing a part in the upbuilding of God's kingdom here on earth and that someday they shall see his loving face.

If a person depends on the Lord, and let's His Spirit work through them, no matter how many trials and temptations they encounter, can and will over come them. They can sing through the shadows as well as through the sunshine. We need more Christians today who can face the shadows. Any one can sing if the sun is shining, but it takes a real Christian to sing when the dark shadows fall.

When we are in the service of the king we have a guiding Hand that we may ever cling to. Jesus never asked us to do one thing that he would not do. He will not send us along the way all alone. He will go hand in hand with us if we will permit him to do so. He has so many blessings for us if we will only open our hearts and receive them.

He has given every one of us at least one talent. If we will put that talent to a good use, He will give us more. We should bring our talents before Him that He may multiply them. Let's not offer excuses and let our hearts be idle. Let's be happy in the service of the King and enjoy peace and joy and blessings.

Mrs. William Gaskins
Antioch F. W. B. Church
New Bern, North Carolina
Route 1

Union Report

The Third Union meeting of the Eastern Association met with Woodington Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in October.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the congregation, and then the union was called to order by the moderator. The organization was perfected by the appointment of the usual committees. Prayer was offered for the success of the union by Rev. C. H. Coates.

There were eight ministers present together with a good representation of the churches in the district. The visitors were recognized and there were present Rev. C. H. Coates of the Cape Fear Association, Rev. L. B. Manning of the Central Conference, and Rev. Early of the Missionary Baptist Church.

A very interesting report of the progress of the Press was given by our representative. The introductory sermon was preached at the eleven o'clock hour by Rev. Lloyd Vernon, after which the union recessed for lunch.

After the hour for refreshments was over the union resumed the business and the list of churches was called, and there were twenty-four churches represented with a total contribution of \$69.45. The union gave \$25.00 to the Orphanage; \$25.00 to missions and \$10.00 to superannuation. An offering was taken for Elder S. H. Styron, which amounted to \$11.44. The committee on ministerial character reported all ministers in good standing.

It was ordered that the next session of this union be held with Lanier's Chapel in Duplin County. Elder G. W. Kennedy is to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Lloyd Vernon on his failure. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kindness shown towards this sitting of this union meeting. Then, by motion, the union was adjourned till the next time in course.

S. W. Jones, *Clerk*

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ROSE BOWEN, *President*

National Auxiliary Convention,

2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Spring Hill News

The Ladies Aid society of Spring Hill Church met on Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1939, with sixteen members present and one visitor. We had reported at this time 185 chapters read in the Bible, 13 bunches of flowers sent; 10 trays, and 44 sick visits made.

The Aid is doing wonderful work for our church. We have bought new carpet which has made it look better. Under the splendid leadership of our pastor, and his good wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen, we feel that we are going to get somewhere in the kingdom of God.

Although our Aid is just a small one, we are growing from month to month. We hope to be able to be as good as any in our district as we grow older. We want all of you Christian people to pray for us that we may do the things that the Lord has put before us.

Yours in His service,

Miss Margaret Allen,
Recording Secretary

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of Mt. Tabor met at the home of Mrs. Alton Furlough on November 7 for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the president, and the members sang for the opening hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Then the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert. The secretary called the roll with ten members present, and two visitors. The dues were paid in which amounted to \$1.13, and the Birthday offering was \$1.43.

The following activities were entered into during the month: 26 sick visits made; 15 quarts taken to the sick; 145 chapters read in the

Bible. The Stewardship Director then had charge of the program which was very beautiful and inspiring.

There being no further business the society closed to meet with Mrs. D. H. Furlough in December. The hostess served iced drinks and wafers.

Mrs. David H. Furlough,
Corresponding Secretary

People's Chapel Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of People's Chapel held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday 13. The meeting opened by the members singing a hymn. Mrs. T. W. Stancil led in prayer, and the 15 chapter of John's Gospel was read. Then Mrs. Stancil gave an interesting talk about the lesson.

The following business was transacted with twenty-eight members present. There were 750 chapters read in the Bible; 40 trays were sent to the sick; 12 baskets; 16 flowers; 50 quarts of milk given to the needy; and 57 visits to the sick were made.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Mrs. Stancil.

Mrs. Graham Langley, *Secy.*

Our Duty to Our Children

How natural it is for children to look up to those around them for an example of imitation, and how readily they will copy all that they see done, both good and bad. Then, it behooves you and me to be very careful what we say or do before children, for they are copying all our words and actions.

Elder Colonel Pendleton

Letter from Herrin, Illinois

Dear Co-Workers:

After leaving Texas, God led us to be with Brother Rogers in a very successful revival in Wewoka, Oklahoma. There were over twenty conversions and those who were reclaimed to the work of the Lord. It was a wonderful meeting. We will never forget how faithful Brother and Sister Rogers worked for the church, and the salvation of souls. Since we left we have heard that the church is still in a revival in their regular services. We thank God for such servants as Brother and Sister Rogers.

The church is a splendid one, and some of the very salt of the earth is there to do God's will. We had also Sister Kester of Texas with us for the first two weeks of the meeting. She proved a very great blessing to the work in a personal way. After leaving Oklahoma, we visited the Missouri State Association which was another wonderful meeting. It was a great privilege to meet with such servants as Brothers Willey, Davidson, Bingham, Wolfe, and many others from different parts of the country. The reasons we mention these, they are some of our representatives of the various boards in our National work. They are the men for the places which they have been elected to serve. The Missouri State Association is growing in every way. When an offering is asked for on the different phases of the work, such as missions, education, superannuation, and the like, they are ready to give cheerfully.

We will tell you of the wonderful meeting in Flat River with Brother and Sister Miller. The revival started the first Sunday morning, and God's power was felt in a wonderful way. The meeting ran for five weeks with seventy-two conversions. Thirty-three were added to the church, and twenty-four were baptized. We thank God for the wonderful success in this meeting and for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Flat River Church can make the evangelist rejoice in more ways than one. They gave us a fine offering. Sister Miller has a fine class of mission workers who gave us a handkerchief shower. Several of the women gave us other nice things. We thank God for such a working.

One great feature that made the revival such a great success was the prayer groups that met each evening in the basement of the church while the preaching hour was on. One could feel the great power of God filling the house. Oh, for a praying church! A church that gets close to God!

We came to Herrin, Illinois, and started a meeting on Monday night, November 6. Thus far the interest is splendid. We have no conversions as yet (as you read this letter), but we are asking your prayers for a great revival in this place. When we close the meeting here we go to Pittsburg in Illinois for our next meeting. May the Lord bless our work everywhere.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

The Power of Right over Evil

John Wesley the founder of Methodism was said to have traveled on horseback two hundred thousand miles during the fifty-three years of his ministry. He preached approximately forty thousand sermons, in which one hundred twenty thousand people were converted. For twenty-five years he preached as much as five times in one day.

Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, and John Wesley helped to save England from the fate of France, which was swept by a revolution during this time. A Great revival spread over England, and the country was converted to Christian principles, and we are told that John Wesley had to endure many trials and persecutions. He was follow-

ed up by his enemies, and stoned and even pelted with rotten eggs while he was preaching. He was not allowed to preach the Gospel in his own church, which was the English Episcopal church, but he did not give up to this strong opposition. He succeeded because the Lord was with him.

Most of this information was taken from Professor A. R. Flower's notebook, which has furnished so many of us young people with information which we probably never have gotten from any other source.

A well known Methodist minister, Rev. Bruce Peacock, made from the pulpit the statement that A. R. Flowers had touched the lives of more poor boys and girls for good than any other man in all his knowledge. While we have noted the nice articles that have come out in the Free Will Baptist by the young people of South Carolina during the last year, all these young people needed and still need is someone to help them—just as we need someone to help us in Georgia, and in other places.

It is very strange that our most competent teachers, who are so gifted in Bible talent, and who have spent so many years doing wonderful work, are so little appreciated. Even A. R. Flowers has helped more than five hundred deserving boys and girls into places where they could prepare themselves for greater services in life.

Mrs. Walter W. Stewart,

Alma, Georgia

Ten Reasons Why I Am a Free Will Baptist Preacher

By Elder Colonel Pendleton
38 Hermitage Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

1. Because I believe in obtaining everything I receive from the right source. John's Baptism was from heaven.

2. Because I learn by reading the Bible that John was sent from God to preach and Baptize. The only one ever sent from God for that purpose.

3. Because I want to follow Jesus in all things I do. And I find that He was baptized by a Baptist preacher, and so do I.

4. Because Jesus said that man must live by every word that comes from God. And the F. W. B. believe in every word being preached to every creature.

5. Because that in the F. W. B. Church there is no "Big I" and little you"—all are the same as Jesus said we should be. (Now there are a few churches where the members feel above some of the poor ones. I well remember, wife and I once went to one of our F. W. B. Churches, and only five people spoke to us, and three of them were strangers but most of our F. W. B. Churches are not that way.)

6. Because we learn from reading the Bible that the Godly will suffer persecution. And history shows (q. v.) that the Baptist have suffered more than any other religious body of people in the world.

7. Because the Baptist are not selfish, they want liberty. (And have fought, bled, and died to obtain it for themselves.) And they want all mankind to have the same liberty.

8. Because the Baptist have only one "One Lord", and that is Jesus. For in the F. W. B. Church no man is allowed to "lord it over his brethren."

9. Because the Baptist take all the Bible rightly divided.

10. And now my last, but by no means the least reason why I am a *Free Will Baptist* preacher is because I don't have to condemn every body else and say they are hell-bound because they belong to some other church in order to stand in with the Baptist. I fully believe that God has called the F. W. B. Church out for a great purpose. And *Woe, woe*, unto us if we fail to do our very best.

Whether we maintain a cheerful spirit or not, depends largely on the way in which we view the events and outcomes of life. I think the main point of safety is to look upon life with a view of doing as much good as possible, and as far as possible to strip ourselves of what the French call egoism.—*From the pen of JAMES A. GARFIELD.*

Announcement

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J. P. Barrow
Snow Hill, N. C.
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What Makes One a Christian?

(Continued from page three)

try to follow two masters. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24.

"Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." He who walks with God and serves Him only will reach heaven at the end of the journey. Walking with God brings joy and happiness as we go and victory in the end. Such victory can come only to those who are faithful even unto the end.

3. Every one must realize that he can not be a Christian unless he takes up his cross daily and follows Christ. We must remember that we are here on business for our King, and that business requires our time and talents. The Christian religion is a reasonable religion. It has stood the test for nearly two thousand years. The most brilliant minds have not only given their consent to, but they have been and are followers of Christ. Christianity is something that pays, that works. It has no hard cases. Some one has truly said, "It satisfies all men and all of the man."

I am not talking about a mere emotional religion, or a sentimental religion. I am talking about a reasonable, common sense, Bible religion. The Lord did not say, "Come, let us weep together," or "Come, let us laugh together," but "Come, let us reason together." And again, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Are you a Christian? Think seriously. Think prayerfully. It means much to be a Christian. Let all those who profess Christianity be true to our profession, and may all others hasten to make Christ their personal Saviour.

The F. W. B. Orphanage Report for October, 1939

Receipts

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1939	\$1,333.70
Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Religious Organizations	1,032.88
Individuals	6.00
Concerts	1,034.06
Total receipts	\$3,481.64

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 232.23
Office supplies	9.70
Conference expenses	20.78
Financing and publicity	13.40
Food	431.48
Clothing	113.71
Car payment	27.03
Dry cleaning and pressing	7.70
Household	76.76
Recreation	4.70
Travel relative to care of children	95.02
Concert Class expenses	74.57
Hospital bill	51.40
Education supplies	27.12
Lights and coal	85.45
Farm supplies	153.13
Total expenditures	\$1,424.18
Bal. on hand, Nov. 1,	2,057.46
	\$3,481.64

Cash Receipts Itemized

Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	\$ 19.00
Moseley's Creek S. S.	5.78
Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Rock Fish S. S. Convention	.60
Core Creek S. S.	5.53
Cedar Hill Church	1.50
Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention (offering)	3.21
Barbara Willey, Jr. League of Sound Side Church	.45
Rose Bowen Intermediate League Sound Side Church	.51
Holly Springs Church Johnston County	25.00
Goldsboro Sunday School	8.82
Union Chapel Church, Beaufort County (By Supt.)	25.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Warden's Grove S. S.	1.50
Stacy Church	4.24
Sound Side, J. C. Griffin, Sr. league	.84
Sound Side, Sr. League	.84
Concert Class	240.20
Western Assn., (offering)	27.89
Winterville S. S.	2.25
Union Grove Church, Wayne Co.	45.00
Cape Fear Sunday School Conv. (offering)	18.88

Lucama Church, (By Supt.)	25.00
Parkers Chapel S. S.	1.36
Women District Convention of Pee Dee Assn.	1.00
Rock Spring Church	1.00
Rose Hill Church	3.90
Wintergreen S. S.	6.58
Albemarle Union S. S. Convention	80.68
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00
Mrs. W. M. Carroll	5.00
Some Friends (By Brs. W. M. Carroll)	1.00
Union Chapel Church	8.08
Union Chapel S. S.	3.29
Eastern Assn., (offering)	41.36
Moseley's Creek Church, (Supt's. Revival)	63.42
Friendship Church, Johnston Co. (By Supt.)	135.86
Free Union, Sr. League, Beaufort Co.	.50
Western Assn., (donation)	49.00
The French Broad Assn.	56.00
St. Paul Church, Sampson Co.	4.00
Little River Vocal Union	4.40
Rose Hill Church	5.50
Davis Church	4.00
Dawson's Grove Church	2.00
H. A. Dixon (Black Jack Church)	10.00
Concert Class	249.54
St's Delight Church Craven Co.	7.00
Stony Hill Church, Nash Co. (offering)	4.55
Second Union of Western Assn.	9.28
Concert Class	223.56
Concert Class	320.75
First Union Meeting of Western Association	29.80
Rock Spring S. S.	4.00
Auxiliary Conv. of the Fourth Union of the Central Conf.	5.73
Money for support of Aid Children	260.75
Total	\$3,481.64

Donated Commodities

Jack's Creek Assn., Provisions	\$459.10
Mrs. Nancy Allen, Washing Machine and Swing	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Taylor, Snow Hill, N. C., Lard	6.25
Mt. Zion L. A. S. of Pamlico Co., Household	25.80
Mrs. M. C. Daye, Bedspread	2.00
Mrs. Cora Sawyer, Clothing	2.00
J. O. Suggs, gas	1.00
Mrs. Roy Graves, Clothing	1.00
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Mrs. R. A. Gaskins, Clothing	15.00
Aid Clothing	55.13
Total Donated Commodities	\$635.48

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Children*

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Conv., Victoria Brickhouse	--	12.50
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Craft	-----	12.50
Stony Creek L. A. S., Lexine Craft		12.50
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City Church, Carl Freeman	--	12.50
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Pate	-----	12.00
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Berkett Raper	-----	12.50
Bridgeton L. A. S., Marvin Skinner		12.50
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Assn., Maurice Thompson	-----	12.50
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Warbritton	-----	13.00
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Charles Harrell	-----	12.50
Swannanoa Church, Clara Harris		4.50
Greenville L. A. S., Billie Powell		12.50
W. G. Wilson, Marie Coulter	-----	10.00
St. Mary's L. A. S., Wilson Co.,		
Gold Ange	-----	6.25
Winterville L. A. S., Odell Jones		12.50
Total	-----	\$260.75

listing below detail receipts and expenditures, also the names of those who have pledged to this fund. May I suggest that if you are in a position to do so, that you pay your pledge as early as possible.

Receipts

From various donors at State	
Association	-----\$65.00
Rev. J. W. Alford, Kenly,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00
Mrs. Myrtle Davis, Davis,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00
Mrs. Louise Bedword, Dav-	
is, North Carolina	----- 5.00
District League Convention,	
Stony Creek Church	----- 7.30
Reverend P. C. Wiggs, Elm	
City, North Carolina	----- 3.00
Mrs. Myrtle Davis, Davis,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00
Stony Creek Church, Wayne	
County	----- 5.00
Total	----- \$100.30

Disbursements

Paid out for first semester	-----\$73.00
Room for November	----- 7.50
Registration	----- 5.00
Books	----- 2.40
Total	----- \$87.90
Balance on hand	----- 12.40

Unpaid Pledges

Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill,	
North Carolina	-----\$10.00
Rev. M. A. Woodard, Wint-	
terville, North Carolina	----- 5.00
Rev. G. C. Joyner (\$1 per	
mo.) Smithfield, North	
Carolina	----- 1.00
Rev. Kenneth Gaskill, Sea	
Level	----- 3.00
Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Elm City,	
North Carolina	----- 2.00
Rev. W. A. Hales, Mount Ol-	
ive, North Carolina	----- 5.00
Rev. L. S. Joyner, Durham,	
North Carolina	----- 10.00
Mr. N. E. Harris, Rocky Mt.,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00
Mr. H. J. Corbett, Micro,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00

Mr. E. D. Griffin, Greenville,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00
Mrs. Rosa Worley, Selma,	
North Carolina	----- 10.00
Rev. M. L. Baxley, Rockfish,	
North Carolina	----- 5.00

Humbly submitted,

M.E. Tyson

**League of the Oklahoma
City Free Will
Baptist**

We are just a little Free Will Baptist church asking prayers and friendship from our fellow churches.

We wish to tell you something about our league. Several times we have organized leagues but for some reason we lost interest and it would die. So how could our visitors be interested? But this time we have really gotten down to business. We reorganized our league November 5. We elected Brother Warden general president; Gordon Andrews assistant president; Sister Davis, secretary and treasurer, and Sister Layton, assistant secretary and treasurer. Rev B. T. Kirby, pastor, acted as moderator. Our group was divided into the Adult, Senior and Junior classes. Each class is striving to do its best.

For a small church our Adult class is large, but our Junior and Senior classes could be greatly improved. We must make our league so interesting that it will shine above the things of the world, so that the young people will turn, as did the shepherds of old when they saw the star, wonder and seek to find what dare to shine forth so bright into the night. When we get them, our task is then to keep them and make them one with us in Christ. This can only be done by prayer. We are seeking prayers and advice from those who have already reached the mountain top with their work.

Geraldine Warden,
Correspondent

**The Clarence Bowen Edu-
cational Fund**

I am sure that the many friends of Brother Bowen rejoiced to know that he is in school and has had a most encouraging beginning. I am

St. Claire Bible Class
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M. B. Hutchinson,
 Zaleski, Ohio

Spreading the Good News

(Lesson for December 3)

Lesson Matthew 10: 24-39.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*And let him that heareth say, Come*" Revelation 22:17).

The King's Servants Commissioned.—The very heart of the Word of God is missions, the giving of the good news of salvation to the whole world. The very first impulse of the redeemed soul is to go and tell "how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5: 19). The primary business of Christ's followers is to evangelize, to spread the Gospel of the grace of God to the remotest parts of the whole world. A Christian man became a little interested in missions, and first he repeated in his prayer the phrase, "Lord, save the heathen!" Later, he prayed, "Lord, send missionaries to save the heathen!" Still later, he prayed, "Lord, if You have not anybody else to send, send me!" Then, he further prayed, "Lord, I am in earnest; send me! But if You can't send me, send somebody; whom Thou wilt, but help me to pay my share of the expenses!" (Read Matthew 28: 18-20; Romans 10: 13-15).

Sharing the Missionary Task — One has said that there are three kinds of missionaries: First, There is the O-Missionary. May his tribe decrease! Second, There is the Go-Missionary, the one who personally carries the good news of salvation to the "regions beyond". Third, There is the Co-Missionary: that faithful body of men, women, boys and girls, who, by their gifts, their prayers, and interests make possible the services of the Go-Missionary. These Co-Missionaries take seriously the following searching questions: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent"? (Romans 10:

15). Read Psalm 22: 27; Matthew 24: 14; Acts 16: 9; 26: 17, 18).

—W. B. K.

I. HOME WORK

1. What are some of the names given to followers of Christ? (Matthew 10: 24, 25; John 15: 15; 1 John 3: 1).

2. What has the world sometimes called the Christians? (Acts 17: 6, 18; 18: 13; 19: 37; 21: 28; 24: 5, 6).

3. What will become of the sins that are committed in secret? (Job 20: 27; Luke 12: 2).

4. What profit is there in secret almsgiving and prayer? (Matthew 6: 1-6).

5. Who alone is able to make every secret known, whether it be good or evil? (Daniel 2:22, 28, 29, 47).

6. What is the great mystery, unknown in previous times, that we are now to proclaim to all men? (Eph. 3:5, 6).

7. What fate is worse than that of physical death? (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:11-15).

8. How great is the care of God for His children? (Mat. 10:29-31; 1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:19).

9. What kind of confession is necessary for salvation? (1 Jn. 4: 15; 2 Jn. 1:7; Rom. 10: 9, 10).

10. To what separation is the follower of Christ called? (2 Cor. 6: 14-17; Lu. 14:26, 27).—J. C. T.

12. Read Proverbs 13 this week. Study the lesson material in our quarterlies.

II. PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. Oneness with Christ includes service and suffering, as well as blessing and reward (Mat. 10:24, 25).

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ will reveal secret service, as well as secret sin (vs. 26).

3. Secret communion and prayer

will lead to public confession and proclamation (vs. 27).

4. There is a death that is far worse than the death of the body (vs. 28).

5. God's care for His creation extends to insignificant creatures, as well as to His own children (vs. 29).

6. God has intimate and accurate knowledge of the details of our physical structure (vs. 30).

7. Public confession of Christ on earth has the promise of a Divine reward in Heaven (vs. 32).

8. The denial of unbelief will receive its deserved condemnation (vs. 33).

9. The confession of Christ involves separation among friends and loved ones who do not confess Him (vss. 34-36).

10. Love to Christ that arises above all other love, is merited by Him who loved us unto death (vss. 37-39).

III. LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Von Zealand, Frederick the Great's greatest general, was a Christian and the king was a scoffer. One day the king was making his coarse jokes about the Saviour, and the whole place was ringing with guffaws of laughter. It was too much for Von Zealand, the general that had won numerous and great battles for Prussia and had really put the crown on the king's brow. With German militariness he stood up and said, amid the hush of flatterers, shaking his grey head solemnly: "Sire, you know I have not feared death; you know I have fought for you in thirty-eight battles, and thirty-eight battles I have won. Sire, my hairs are grey; I am an old man; I shall soon have to go into the presence of a greater than thou, the mighty God who saved me from sin, the Lord Jesus Christ whom you are blaspheming against. Sire, I cannot stand to hear my Saviour spoken against. I salute thee, Sire, as an old man

who loves the Saviour, on the edge of eternity."

Frederick the Great, with a trembling voice, said: "General Von Zealand, I beg your pardon, I beg your pardon."

The company dispersed in silence, and the king reflected as never before on that Greater One whom his general revered, even above himself. Stand up for Christ! Be valorous!—*The Bottles of Heaven, By Revilo.*

Fourth Union Report

The union met with Friendship Church in Greene County on October 28, 1939. Rev. P. C. Wiggs, the assistant moderator, called the union to order. Hymn was sung and Rev. Levi Humbles offered prayer. Rev. N. D. Beaman conducted the devotions. The visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us. Rev. Levi Humbles of the Second Union was given an opportunity to make a few remarks which were very timely.

The usual committees were appointed as follows: Finance, J. E. Craft, L. D. Braxton, J. C. Cobb. Devotional, K. Z. Cobb, Alice Cobb, J. L. Craft. Temperance, W. L. Hart, C. D. Hamilton, W. W. Worthington. Orphanage, J. W. Wooten, Sister C. D. Hamilton, Bessie Coker. Sabbath School, N. D. Beaman, W. D. Corbett, C. W. Pittman. Program committee, Sisters C. D. Hamilton, Lissie Webb, and Bro. J. F. Abrams.

The ministers present were W. L. Hart, N. D. Beaman, J. W. Wooten, P. C. Wiggs, C. D. Hamilton. Those absent were M. E. Tyson, H. T. Sowers, E. L. Abrams, N. L. Gupton, L. B. Manning. Licensed ministers present were W. F. Newell, J. C. Varnell. Brother Levi Humbles of the Second Union was present.

List of Churches and Delegates

Antioch—T. B. Lancaster --\$ 4.00
Walnut Creek—Leon Rollins,

Myrtle Garris -----	2.00
Free Union—W. M. Hardison, Abe Walston -----	3.00
Friendship—L. D. Braxton, Carl Tyson -----	3.00
Spring Branch—Charlie Walston, R. R. Bailey -----	3.65
Saratoga—W. R. Owens, W. H. Windham -----	3.00
Aspin Grove—C. D. Hamilton, and wife -----	2.00
Owens Chapel—Staten Webb and wife -----	2.75
Daniels Chapel—C. W. Pittman, Hubert Jomp -----	2.00
Ottis Creek—Sisters Maggie Smith, Sallie Craft -----	2.00
Edgewood—J. F. Abrams -----	2.00
Dilda Grove—Not represented -----	
River Side—W. F. Newell -----	2.00
Bland's Chapel—Not represented -----	2.00
Harrell's Chapel—W. D. and J. W. Corbett -----	2.00
La Grange—Not represented -----	
Watery Branch—Not represented -----	
Total -----	\$33.40

By motion the business was called off and Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached from the text: 1 Samuel 15:22. After the sermon we were dismissed by Rev. J. W. Wooten, and then we had dinner on the ground.

The afternoon session was opened by J. C. Varnell conducting the devotions. Rev. Hawkins of the Church of God spoke a few words. Rev. Levi Humbles of the Second Union made a good talk. Then a motion was passed for the Finance Committee to retire and to settle with the treasurer that he make his report.

Disbursements

Paid for adopted orphan -----	\$12.50
Donated to Walnut Creek Church -----	10.00
Paid to Printing Press -----	1.00
Paid to the clerk -----	5.00
Total -----	\$28.50
Balance on hand -----	\$4.90

The Temperance discussion was by Hart and Wiggs. The Sabbath School discussion was by N. D. Beamon. The program for the next union was read. The Devotional Committee made report for Rev. N. D. Beaman to preach to-night. A motion was passed to accept the various committees' reports. It was moved and carried that we allow our adopted orphan \$12.50. By motion we to donate to Walnut Creek Church ten dollars. The money was paid to Brother Leon Rollins.

The nominations being in order for election of officers the following were named: Revs. P. C. Wiggs, W. L. Hart, N. D. Beamon. Rev. Wiggs received the most votes and was elected. It was then moved to give the good people of Friendship Church and community a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality.

The petitions for the next union were taken up, and it was voted to convene with Free Union, Greene County, on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1939. Rev. P. C. Wiggs is to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. L. Hart on his failure.

The Orphanage committee reports as follows. We your committee on Orphanage work beg to report: First, We heartily endorse the work that the superintendent and the teachers are doing; Second, we ask the preachers of this union meeting to keep their congregations constantly reminded of the needs of the Orphanage; Third, we ask all churches to donate to the Orphanage campaign liberally so the work can go forward.

J. W. Wooten,
C. D. Hamilton, *Committee.*

The union was dismissed by W. F. Newell.

Rev. P. C. Wiggs, *Moderator,*
R. R. Bailly, *Clerk-Treasurer*

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Boys and Girls Corner

Seeing God

The sun was just showing in the east, filling all the sky with soft, beautiful colors. The people looked up and said, "God is sending the sun to give us light and to warm the earth." And whenever they looked at the sunbeams they thought of His love and His goodness in sending them to make the fruits and flowers and grains grow.

When the day grew warm the cool breezes came and the people said, "God makes the wind blow to make the air sweet and pure," and it seemed to them, as it blew against their faces, like a breath from heaven.

Everywhere the earth was beautiful, from the tiny blades of grass to the great, tall trees. "How good God is to make so much beauty for us," said the people. The fragrant roses, the pansies with their soft, velvety petals, the golden dandelions in the fields, all the many-colored flowers in the meadows and the gardens seemed trying to tell of God the great artist, for no artist in all the world could paint such wonderful colors.

There were other gardens, where, instead of flowers, grew peas and beans and corn and onions and potatoes and squashes and more vegetables than you or I could name. Out in the fields grew the wheat and corn and other grains. On the trees grew apples, pears, plums and many kinds of fruit besides nuts for food. And from the tiniest grain of wheat to the largest coconut, each told its story of God's care for his people. And the people took them thankfully as gifts to them from the heavenly Father.

When somebody did something for somebody else, people said, "That is God's love in a person's heart which makes him gentle and loving and kind to those around him."

When the long, busy day was ended and the stars shone out, they told of God, too, and reminded the people that while they slept He was like the stars, keeping watch above them.

Our eyes can not see God while we live in this beautiful world that He has given us, but in all things around us we can see His love, and that is one way of seeing God. So if our hearts are pure and good and loving, we can see Him every day in the birds and trees and flowers and sunshine and everything that He has given to make us thank Him.

God is in the flowers,
God is in the trees,
In each tiny raindrop,
In each passing breeze.

Showing us His goodness,
If we will but see.
He is all around us,
Loving you and me.

Real eyes can not see him,
But the soul eyes do,
If our lives are loving
And hearts pure and true.

Keep your soul eyes open;
Thank Him for His care;
That is how to see God
Always—everywhere.

—The Sunbeam.

Matthew 5: 8: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HAMILTON. Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, 65, died Jan. 16, after a lingering illness at her home in Lowland. Before marriage she was Miss Julia Flowers. She was first married to J. W. Brothers and her second marriage was to Walter Mamlton.

She was a devoted and active member of the Lowland Free Will Baptist Church where funeral services were conducted for her by her pastor, the Rev. Randall Bennett, assisted by the Rev. Calvin Bennett.

A large concourse of friends attended

the services, attesting the popularity of Mrs. Hamilton in her community. She was buried in the cemetery at Small.

The following relatives survive: Her husband, Walter Hamilton, and daughters: Mrs. J. H. Messick and Mrs. L. J. Casey, both of Lowland, and sons, O. E. Brothers and H. A. Brothers, of Aurora, and J. T. Brothers, of New Bern. Two brothers, Andrew Flowers and C. L. Potter, of South Creek, one sister, Mrs. L. F. Jones, of Aurora.

Yours truly,
L. F. Jones

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SMITH. Elder J. A. Smith was born in the state of Arkansas on April the 7, 1858, and died on March the 22, 1939.

He was married to Miss Emanda Recheson in 1875. To this union six children were born, two girls and four boys: T. W. Smith, J. A., E. B., and Bryan Smith. The girls are Mrs. Fannie Lester and Mrs. Annie Hammer.

Brother Smith was one of our old faithful pioneer preachers of Texas, and had preached in the Free Will Baptist church for a number of years. His passing on to heaven was beautiful, for he knew his time had come, and he talked of his going to the last.

He was laid to rest near Henderson, Texas. There was an host of friends at the funeral to say farewell to the departed one, and await for the glorious resurrection. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

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IN MEMORY OF OUR SISTER

Mrs. Mattie Edwards Toler

Oh, precious sister, dearest one
You tried to teach us, "His will be done."
But with you and your courageous smile—
Hidden from us for a while.
We find it hard to say and do,
Because we miss and need your spirit true,
To guide and lead us to things on high—
To be with you "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

Oh precious, dearest one,
I hope you hear me from your home
When I try to tell you of my love.
God grant it reach thy throne above
And convey—if only in part—
Something of my anguished heart.
Not in despair—
Because some day I want to be with you there.

I miss the strength you gave me day by day;
Whether with you, or away.
And may my faith and strength
Increase and shine,
'Till I'm with you, darling, for all time.

Your dear face is ever before me,
And shines as a beacon on life's stormy
sea.

Oh! The Angels that were waiting for
thee!

And darling, the last tribute paid you here
Was in the little church you loved so
dear.

And I hope you were looking on
Even though, you, from us had gone
Your spirit and influence were with us
still;

To help us say, "Oh God, thy will, not
ours, be done."

But oh! How we miss you dearest one
Even though your crown you've won.

Darling, I left you 'neath your mound of
flowers,

Lovely as a cloudless morn.

Resting peacefully, calmly, amidst your
bower of roses—

Roses, at last—without thorns.

I found it so hard to leave—and then

I wondered—Was I so wrong to grieve?

But I, heartbroken, could not stay my cry,

And whispered, "In the Sweet Bye and
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Whether or not your league celebrated last year, we appeal to you to join us this year and become a link in the chain.

The plan is simple and you may have your celebration in connection with your regular league service since you have a specially arranged program in your quarterlies on National Superannuation for December 3rd.

We urge that you ask, not only your league members but every member of your church, to attend your celebration and bring a penny for each year old they are. The proceeds will go to our National Fund for our aged and dependent ministers.

This is a little thing we are asking our Free Will Baptist Leagues, but if all will co-operate with us in this effort it will swell our treasury surprisingly.

I wish I were able to make this so impressive that no league would be able to resist it, and I believe with my whole heart that our young people will do their part to make the celebration a success.

Carry the matter before your leaguers and just drop me a card saying, "I want to become a link in the chain of the *National Superannuation Birthday Celebration*," and you will become link number one if your request happens to be the first to come or your number will correspond with the number of request received at the time of the arrival.

Now, Leaguers, don't fail me, I am counting on you.

You will receive a poster. Please place it in your church where it will attract attention and leave it up as a reminder of the occasion. Wake Up! Pep! And join up with us! Don't Be that Missing Link.

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58:1ab.

Ps. 12:2; 31:6, 18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [come before] thee.
Ps. 53; 119:147.

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And for Jesus who helps us win;
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FOR PEACE and freedom of our land,
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To learn of Him who died for man,
That we may enter the Beautiful Gate.

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Though great or small it be;
To Thee we pray that we may cling.
And every blessing be made to see.

—By Miss Julia Moore, Turbeville, S. C.

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Now thank we all our God
For fruitage of the sod;
And for our country's peace,
Oh! may this never cease.

And thankful for each friend,
Bright Autumn hues that blend
For nature's treasures rare
Gold sunshine fills the air.

Thy church is our pride
And may she ever 'bide;
Firm on the rock of ages
'Mid history's fluttering pages.

Thankful for mother we
May her prayers ever be
Our refuge from the storm,
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Our gain was His dear loss.
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Stop Looking Down! Look Up!

By REV. CHESTER PELT, Winterville, N. C.

Text: Psalm 211: 1-2, "I will lift whence cometh my help. My help up mine eyes unto the hills, from cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Down in Florida, there are many trees (the hawthorn tree). Their fruit is a little yellow bulk about one half inch in diameter. I have seen large fields of these haw trees with one hog or more under each tree searching for the haws on the ground, as if they grew on the ground. Out of the hundreds of hog haws I have seen feeding like this, only once did I see a hog look up into the tree top where the haws came. This hog would rear up against the tree trunk which shake the haws down so that she could get them. She knew where her food came from, although she was a hog.

We too often excuse the fact and say, "Well, it is the nature of a hog to look down on the ground for its food". But, is it natural with the hog only?

A boy was bringing home a loaf of bread, and one said, "What have you there?" "A loaf of bread." "Where did you get it?" "From the baker." "Where did the baker get it?" "He made it." "Of what did he make it?" "Flour." "Where did he get the flour?" "From the miller." "Where did he get it?" "From the farmer." "Where did the farmer get it?" Then the truth dawned upon the boy's mind, and he replied, "From God." "Well, then, from whom did you get the loaf?" "O, from God." Here is a boy who, in the last resort, acknowledge God to be the giver of all good.—Sel.

May we lift our eyes upwar and give Him the glory for the daily blessings we receive from Him. While you read this, no doubt you have a plenty to eat. Where did you get it? From the grocerman, you

answer, the grocerman from the farmer. The farmer got it from his farm. The farm got it from the air and soil. And God made the air and soil. So you got what you have to eat from God, the Maker of all things.

You bought your suit from the merchant. The merchant got it from the tailor. The tailor got the cloth from the factory. The factory bought wool from the sheep owners. The sheep owners got the wool from the sheep's back. The sheep got the wool from God Who made him.

The water you use came from the faucet or bucket. It was drawn or pumped from the well. It came into the well from the ground. It came into the ground from the rain. The rain collected in the air from the oceans. The oceans were created by the Word of God. Genesis 1: 9-10, "And God said, Let the waters under heaven be gathered together unto one place . . ." Thus, you see we got our water from God.

Where did we get the house we live in? Yes, I know we bought it, rented it, or built it. The lumber came from the lumber company. The lumber company got it from its trees, and God made the trees. We got our house from God.

You have a car, stove, plows, etc., (things made from iron) which you bought from the merchant or salesman. He bought from the factory; the factory bought from the miners. The miners got the iron ore from the mines in the earth, where God hid it away for man. It belongs to God. The silver you have came from the mines where God put it. Take the gold that has just been discovered in the old mine in the state of Georgia. It belongs to God Who put it in the earth when He made it. Psalms 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; . . ."

We have received all the goods that we have since we came into the world. With all the strength, power, and influence we may have, we can take none of them with us to the next world. What we have gained materially, in this world, we will have to leave it behind. 1 Timothy 6:7, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out".

In view of the above fact, let us think of the millions who are less fortunate than we are in this Thanksgiving season. In the foreign fields and in the home land, there are those who have no warm fire side, that they can call their own, by which to celebrate a Thanksgiving day. While we are warm, someone is cold. While we enjoy our money which God has blessed us with this year, someone is in need. While we enjoy the convenience of home life and traveling, someone is deprived of this privilege. While we boast of the freedom of religion, press, speech, and social life, someone is denied these blessings because of war, communism, or atheism.

So let us pass these blessings on to someone else in need. Remember the steward in Luke 16: 1-12 was commended by his lord because he reduced the debts of his lord's debtors so that they could pay them. To one who owned 100 measures of wheat. To the other who owed 100 measures of oil, he gave 50 measures of oil. Reducing their bills like this made it possible for the men to pay their debts in full. They were not given the same amount which seems to indicate that one was commended because he gave to others a part of the material blessings which his lord had intrusted in his care. Some people consider it waste to give away money, food and clothing.

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EDITORIAL

Gratitude, Humility and Praise

Gratitude is that human attribute which an individual feels or expresses for favors received from others. It is the feeling of thanks and appreciation of benefits received through material gifts, or courtesies done by someone, or the spiritual blessings given by the heavenly Father. The Old Colonial settlers in the early days of this republic were grateful to Almighty God for the blessings and the divine providence which they had received from His bountiful hand. They looked to the supreme Ruler with gratitude and thanksgiving for the blessings which they had enjoyed in a spiritual and a material way. On one occasion ten lepers were healed of leprosy by Jesus. We are told only one returned to express thanksgiving and gratitude to Christ for his blessing received at the hands of Jesus. The other nine might have been grateful at heart, but we have no proof as to whether they did or did not thank Christ in their hearts for the healing which they received. We are told that a certain woman traveled many, many miles to thank a great man high in office for the special favor shown her son. Jesus taught the need of gratitude and thanksgiving for the blessings which people enjoy. Gratitude must be expressed in some way to obtain greater joy for those who are the receivers and the givers. A young college student once received a blessing at the hands of a college official, and while he never made known to the man his gratitude, yet he felt in his heart great gratitude and rejoicing for the benefit bestowed upon him. Everyone should be grateful for every blessing received, however great or small it might be.

Humility is a trait, or characteristic, which some people fail ever to manifest in their conduct before the world. This class of people assume the attitude of independence and assertiveness before those with whom they have dealings, at least very frequently this is the case. They rarely ever show this spirit of humility and meekness before the Lord, not taking the time to consider the blessings which they daily receive from His bountiful storehouse. On the other hand, the class that manifests the spirit of humility are humble before the Lord. They feel the need of reverencing and adoring His great name. After all, human attitude is a very great thing. The way people weigh and consider matters determine largely their habits through life. Job was humble before the Lord, and God greatly blessed him. Humility manifested by servants of God denotes depth of understanding and a high regard for the supreme Creator. It has been said that a truly devout man is one who is ready to humble himself before the Lord.

Christians praise the name of the Lord because they love Him. They know Him as their personal Saviour and Master. They know He will have mercy when they call upon His great name. They can praise Him for His saving grace, for His power to satisfy and console their disturbed hearts. It is through song and prayer, thanksgiving and rejoicing that they can praise the Master of their lives. For His wonderful goodness to the sick, the fallen, the bereaved and depressed, His children can shout praises to their blessed Redeemer. They can rejoice in knowing that He will answer their sincere prayers and in return repay them by giving to them new comforts, new benefits, and additional material blessings from His hand.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Spirits Like Frogs—"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16: 13, 14). The spirits of the devils certainly are at work in the rulers of the earth. And really it looks to me as if Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler and Mussolini are the "three frogs"—the demon possessed—devils who are fulfilling or about to fulfill the above prophecy.

The Lord Coming Again—"Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is



he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue

Rev. Griffin Armageddon" (Rev. 16: 15, 16). When Jesus Christ comes back to earth again He will "put down all the works of the devil" and as it looks to me, it will take the Power of God (the coming of our Lord to stop such ruthless, blood thirsty leaders as Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini. But the thing for those of us who have given our lives to Jesus is to stay clean and watch that we may escape the sore trouble that is coming with "putting the evil out of business."

The Times of the Gentiles—The times of the Gentiles began with the Babylonian captivity of Juah, under Nebuchadnezzar, and which will be brought to an end when the "Stone cut out without hands" comes down and "Crushes the feet of the image"

spoken of in Daniel 2:31-35, and which is spoken of in Revelation 19:11-16 as the coming *King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*" Then the Gentile world powers shall be destroyed and Jerusalem will no longer be trodden down by the Gentiles. "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are soon coming to an end. The present war will, very likely, end the Gentile day.

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The Great Opportunity—There never was a day since the Lord Jesus Christ said: "Go ye into all the world" when there was a greater opportunity for God-called preachers to take the Bible—the undying Book, and expound it, expose its contents, reveal its beauty, stir the minds of men with its matchless wonders, fill the soul with its heavenly peace, and let its grip fasten itself in, on, and around the lives of men. The world needs Jesus now more than at any time in my remembrance. Christians are becoming discouraged in many places. Sinners are going on in the downward course with great rapidity. Hypocrites are satisfying the devil as never before. False religions are being born and carried to the people as fast as the Devil can find hypocrites, back sliden church members and Judaizers, together with every false prophet to take his message with all of its deception, but the Bible, God's message will settle every question, brighten every hope, condemn every form of sin, and tell the whole human family how to escape Hell and Damnation and How to Find Everlasting Life and Peace. Brother Ministers, let's preach the Bible.



While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only are they answerable.—*George Washington* in "Brilliant Thoughts for Men."

"In Everything Give Thanks"

By C. J. Harris

Thank God we can read and scan
The Bible, perfect guide for man.

Its truth inspired from above,
The outburst of our Maker's love.
It's the bulwark of Father's high
tower,
And Christ, the saving power,
In Him salvation hangs on Mercy's
rod:

"Behold the Lamb of God."
"In everything give thanks!"

Thank God for His wondrous care,
We lift to Him our secret prayer.
Lord make our body strong and well,
Sanctify it for Thy Spirit to dwell,
Then the world in me shall see
The Christ that died on Calvary's
tree.

Look! to the Fountain full and free,
His blood was shed for you and me.
"In everything give thanks!"

Thank God for His watching care,
The spiritual, soothing atmosphere;
And for other things we hold so
dear,

For food and raiment through the
year.

Thanks to God, it's justly due.
But the pure, greatful hearts are
few.

Go thankfully to His throne and
kneel,

With faith and gratitude appeal.
"In everything give thanks!"

Thank God for the clouds and rain
For the sunshine and the fields of
grain;

For the privilege of life to remain,
For the good on earth to gain,
For the Church that has no
"wrinkle,"

For the stars above that twinkle,
For the sun that shines so bright,
For Bethlehem's Star, the world's
great Light.

"In everything give thanks!"

"O, reader, have you rendered grat-
itude

For that Love that never dies?
That flows ceaselessly as the beams
That flow from the noonday skies?

'Tis a wonderful, wonderful tale of
love

We cannot understand,
But the numberless good things of
our lives

Are the blessings of His hand."
"In everything give thanks!"

Pleasant Grove News (WAYNE COUNTY)

I wish to let the Baptist readers hear from us at Pleasant Grove Church. Our pastor, Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level, as all know, is very sick. We keep him before the throne of God in our prayers, asking His will, not ours to be done, and believing everything happens for the best to those who love the Lord.

Rev. M. E. Tyson has been serving us in Brother Styron's absence, and we can truly say that we love him. He had charge of our revival services. His sermons were wonderful, and he preached to those who needed it most, the church members. Our church has plenty of members, but what we need are more Christians, those who have been born again.

Brother Worley preached for us on Sunday and Sunday night. We are so thankful for him. He is a faithful soldier of the cross.

We have a wonderful Ladies Aid in our church with 26 members, and they are doing some good work for the Master. We have a Sunday School and League which are both doing good work for the upbuilding of God's kingdom here. I work with the Juniors in both the Sunday School and the League. These boys and girls are fine, a better group I have never seen.

Taking it as a whole, we have a wonderful church, but we could do better, as we all can see the fields white to harvest. Pray for us that we may have more laborers in this great work. Oh, that each member of our church would see that there is a cross for everyone, and be willing to carry theirs with a smile.

Mrs. Hardy Talton,
Pikeville, N. C.

The Christian Grace of Gratitude

By C. J. Harris

"Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."—Psalms

"Give thanks for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God, even the Father."—St. Paul.

"Rather than upbraid God for the ills that have befallen thee, thank Him for those which have not befallen thee."—Painn.

I have read a very touching little story told of a poor woman with two children, who had not a bed for them to lie upon, and scarcely any clothes to cover them. In the depths of winter they were nearly frozen, and the mother took the door of a cellar off the hinges and set it up before the corner where they crouched down to sleep that some of the draft and cold might be kept from them. One of the children whispered to her, when she complained of how badly off they were: "Mother, what do those dear little children do who have no cellar door to put up in front of them? Even there, you see, the little heart found cause for thankfulness. Our hearts should beam and stream with true gratitude to God, "From whom all blessings flow."

The attitude we feel and take, or assume toward Thanksgiving Day largely determines the benefits derived from the same. Gratitude may well be classed as one of the leading Christian graces, and the attitude of the Christian is due recognition of God as the Source and Giver of all good things. The child of God sees his Parent in all things and recognizes Him as a loving Father who is ever ready to bestow His bounties unstintedly upon His needy children.

But the attitude of the worldly-minded man is not so. He cannot indicate true gratitude since he does not recognize the Father's loving

care. Though through custom he makes a pretense at keeping the day of the year sacred by expressions of thanksgiving. His benefits are meager, if any, because he has not a devoted heart, such as is signified by the term gratitude. No truly devoted man can refrain from outpourings of praise and thanksgiving to God because of the realization that all blessings emanate from Him, "for in him we live and move and have our being."

Our pent-up feeling of praise is not sufficient for its benefits, neither the one who is under obligations and who should be praised. Gratitude seeks expression; it must be expressed to be satisfied. It is the tribute of a grateful heart, and as a tribute it must be manifested, *given*, to be a benefit. "Praise ye the Lord."

A joy hitherto unknown accompanies the sincere expression of gratitude. It is the joy that is the result of having made an honest endeavor to meet an obligation. The obligation may not have been wholly met by such a course, but the tension and strain of duty undone has been relieved, and the heart can respond with a joy unspeakable. The mind and conscience can be at ease.

The cultivation of gratitude as a Christian grace and its daily expression is the result of the indwelling of Christ in the human heart. I mean the heart in which the love of God is shed abroad, and the Holy Spirit rules supremely.

Cultivate gratitude in all things, gratitude to God, gratitude to man. It is highly pleasing to our Supreme Benefactor. Gratitude will heal the worst evil of darkness, and it is indeed a deep need of the human soul.

Ingratitude is the opposite of gratitude. Nothing is smoother than the sea; yet when stirred into a tempest, nothing rageth more. Nothing is so sweet as the patience and goodness of God, and nothing so terrible as His wrath, when it takes fire. Now is the accepted time for true gratitude.

Washington's First Thanksgiving Proclamation

"By the President of the United States of America.

"A proclamation:

"Whereas, It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor,—and,

"Whereas, Both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

"Now, Therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed — for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

"And, also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good Government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us, and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

"Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

"G. Washington."

—Selected.

Work of the Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board of the Central Conference of North Carolina held a meeting on November 26, in the church at Ayden. Three members, Rev. D. W. Alexander, Mrs. McCoy Tripp, and Mrs. M. A. Woodard, were present, and Rev. J. P. Barrow was represented by proxy. This board was elected in the recent sitting of the Central Conference, and is composed of the above named members and Rev. J. C. Moye. Their work is confined to home missions, there having been a foreign mission board elected at the same time, to serve in that field of work. Rev. D. W. Alexander was elected chairman of this board, with Mrs. McCoy Tripp as secretary, treasurer, and Mrs. M. A. Woodard as publicity director.

The members discussed methods of creating interest in home mission work. There is much work of this kind within our conference district that deserves our attention, and it behooves us as a people to give our prayerful consideration and support to this work. We especially recommend, and urge the pastors of churches in this conference to be active in the "Ten cents per member" campaign for home missions during the month of December, that was recommended by the Conference in session. Or, if you feel that there are enough other money campaigns to take care of now, Orphanage, Superannuation, etc. we suggest that you take an offering for home missions once each quarter during the year. Which ever plan you, as pastor, prefer to work, will bring the same results. We do humbly ask you to be active, in some way, for home missions. May the Lord direct you in this important work. Please send all home mission funds to Mrs. McCoy Tripp, Winterville, North Carolina.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard

Revival at Smyrna

We had a very good revival at Smyrna Church. There were seven additions to the church. We were certainly pleased to see them give their hearts to God, and start to live the Christian life. Rev. Duff Toler held the meeting for us and everyone certainly did enjoy the services. He said that Smyrna Church felt nearer to him than any other church which he had ever pastored. It is his home church where he used to go when he was a child, and where he gave his heart to the Lord. He was just 23 years old at the time he joined the church.

He was glad to see his relatives and close friends give their lives to the Lord. Let us all pray that the Lord may fill him with the spirit to

be able to bring more of his friends and relatives to Christ. I am asking all of the Baptist readers to pray for Smyrna that it may grow more in love for Christ, and for our fellow-man that we may become better workers for God.

Mrs. R. C. Bell

My Friend

What would this life mean to me if I had to go all alone,
With no earthly friends, just wandering sad and forlorn?
But I have a true friend, 'tis Jesus you know,
And I have that deep settled peace,
as I follow Him here below.

One day this Friend knocked upon my heart's door,
And gladly I let Him come in, and I gladly gave my life to His service then;
And asked Him to guide me each day no matter where He leads.
He's with me each step of the way, regardless of what others say.

I judge not others by the deeds they do, if they're trying to obey His command,

For I know not the duty assigned to them, nor the way He has planned

I live this life of love toward my friends and fellow-man.

I have no time to loaf away with the idle, shirking band;

But I must be working with a prayerful heart that others may see Jesus in my part.

And when this frail life on earth is over,

I'll rise up to heaven to that happy shore.

And if I've trusted this Friend in His love and grace,

I can rest assured He has prepared for me a place.

Mrs. Oscar Newberry,
Colquitt, Georgia

News from Sidney

The pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten of Garner, filled his regular appointments at the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church on the third Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday night. A larger number of people was present at each of these services than we had last month. Still there is much room for improvement in attendance. Let us keep this in mind, and keep on praying and working that our church will soon be running over with real Christians laboring together for God.

Mr. Wooten preached on Saturday night "The Publican and the Pharisee." Sunday morning on "A Changeless World." Sunday evening he preached on "The Handwriting on the Wall." Each sermon was soul stirring and convincing of the critical conditions in which the world now stands, and the fulfillment of the Bible coming true.

Brother Wooten will preach for us at Sidney on the next third Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday night. All members are urged to be present. Visitors are extended a very cordial welcome to come and be with us.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

Give Daily Thanks

*By Dolora Johnson,
Alma, Georgia*

Do not wait until some appointed day,

To give thanks for you blessings;
But remember thy Creator along
your way
And daily give thanks.

What! If God's ways were like
man's
Forgetting to bless us here
Would we be more willing for Him
to stand
And daily give thanks?

"Be ye thankful" is His word,

The message is to one and all;
But some seem to have not heard,
And daily forget to give thanks.

They never seem to think. "What is
the use?"

The blessings will always come.
They never see where they will lose,
If they fail to daily give thanks.

It is true the blessings come
Upon the just and the unjust too;
But the person who is happier
Forgets not to daily give thanks.

Minutes

The Second union of the Western Association met with Stony Hill Church in Nash County on October 28, 1939. After the devotional exercises the moderator took his chair and the various committees were appointed:

Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Orphanage, Finance, Apportion. The list of ministers was called and a good number answered to their names. Then the minutes were read and approved.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. I. W. Jernigan of Spring Hope, North Carolina.

In the afternoon Brother T. W. Stancil presided as moderator.

A motion was made and carried to excommunicate Rev. W. A. Hales, and his name dropped from the list of ministers because he had joined a union in the Eastern Association without notifying this union. At this time the various committees made their reports which was accepted.

The Treasurer reported received from churches \$29.00 which was divided with the Disabled Ministers and the Orphanage.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

By vote the next union will meet with New Sandy Hill Church in Wilson County near Bailey, North Carolina. In December the Rev.

J. B. Farrell will preach at eleven o'clock. A vote of thanks was extended to Stony Hill Church for their kindness shown this union.

The meeting closed with praise and benediction by Brother B. E. Strickland, the union will assemble promptly at 10 o'clock on December 30, 1939.

T. W. Stancil, *Moderator*,
J. Frank Parrish, *Clerk*

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving day will soon be here,
And how thankful we should be;
For the God who led the Pilgrims
o'er
Should be leading you and me.

And when they settled one and all,
They had a feast right away;
They wanted to serve the only
God,
So they called that Thanksgiving
Day.

I think it nice to remember,
How the Pilgrims came one day
To worship God as they saw-fit,
And come o'er here to obey.

Every day should be a Thanks-
giving Day,
For God gives us everyone
Blessings we should appreciate,
And His only begotten Son.

Then, too, we're living in a country,
Far better than the rest;
We can worship the best we know,
And we are surely blessed.

So, let us thank Him every day,
For His blessings, everyone;
Yes thank Him three times a day,
And say, "Lord, thy will be done."

Written by Mrs. Hattie Lou Mills.
Greenville, North Carolina, Rt. 2

No punishment is too great for the man who can build his greatness upon his country's ruin—*George Washington*.

"The Liquor with No Regrets"

By Ethel Hubler

It seems to us we read somewhere that the liquor men were going to "tell the truth" in their advertising from now on.

"The Liquor with no regrets."

Near New York City is a large sign on which appears that statement. Have the wets already forgotten their solemn promise to "tell the truth" in advertising?

"There ain't no sich animal as the liquor without regrets," said a man we met recently. He had spent the larger portion of his life imbibing. He did not have that faculty that some folks glibly talk about, that is "I can drink or leave it alone." This man could drink, but he could not leave it alone. His face as we looked into it was covered with regret. The regret was there, regardless of the fact that he is now in the church, and the balance of his life will be spent in "leaving it alone."

"The liquor with no regrets."

"If I'd only done this sooner." That was the repeated statement from a pulpit we heard recently, as a man told of his conversion, and that the appetite for drink had been taken away. As we sat there in our pew, we were convinced that there are ten thousand regrets in every glass, in every jug, in every barrel.

"The liquor with no regrets."

It was J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who said:

"The first three years since repeal constitute the most terrible period of criminal history in the life of America." — Selected from North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Prayer

"Lord, make me quick to see
Each task awaiting me;
And grant me strength, I pray,
With loving nlove each day,
To go as Jesus went,
Myself forgot. Amen"

—Selected from North Carolina
Christian Advocate.

Nature is ever growing. Science tells us every change is improvement. This globe, once a mass of molten granite, now blooms almost a paradise. So in man's life and history. One may see it in his own short day.—Wendell Phillips.

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Stop Looking Down! Look Up!

(Continued from page three)

They usually give that which they have to waste or have above their own need. This is not sacrifice, although some brag about it. Notice in the first verse of the above reference the steward is accused unto his lord of wasting his lord's goods. This waste must have been on himself, because when he began giving to others in verses six and seven, his lord commended him for giving away his goods.

One man has truthfully said, "All that we can take with us to heaven in our cold dead hands is what we have given to others."

Finally, let us notice that the goods which the steward had were not his own. They belonged to his lord who had intrusted them in his care. Likewise we get our goods from our Lord, the Creator of all things. So let us lift our eyes unto Him in thanksgiving for the goods (little or much) which He has intrusted in our care, whether they be blessings sent to us through others or directly from Him.

Notice

The Fifth Eastern League union will convene with Core Creek Church, Cove City, North Carolina, on December 17, at 2:30 p. m. Each league in the district is urged to represent. The local league will furnish the program.

Mrs. J. W. Stille, *President*,
Miss Dorothy Lupton,
Cor.-Secy.

It is a consoling circumstance that when we look out, there is nothing that really hurts anybody. . . . And from it we may conclude that all we want is time, patience, and a reliance on that God who has never forsaken this people. —A. Lincoln.

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The Ladies Aid

We've put a fine addition on the good old church at home,
It's just a thousand kilter, with gallery and dome;

It seats a thousand people—finest church in all the town,
And when 'twas dedicated, we planted ten thousand down—
That is, we paid five thousand—every deacon did his best—
And the Ladies Aid Society, it promised all the rest.

We've got an organ in the church—the finest in the land,
It's got a thousand pipes or more, its melody is just grand.
And when we sit in cushioned pews, and hear the master play,
It carries us to realms of bliss, unnumbered miles away.
It cost a cool three-thousand, and it's stood the hardest test;
We'll pay a thousand on it—the Ladies Aid the rest.

They'll give a hundred socials, cantatas too, and teas;
They'll bake a thousand angel cakes, and tons of cream they'll freeze.
They'll beg and scrape and toil and sweat for seven years or more, and then they'll start all o'er again for a carpet on the floor.
No it isn't just like digging out the money from your vest
When the Ladies Aid gets busy and says: "We'll do the rest."

Of course we're proud of our church from the pulpit to the spire;
It is the darling of our eyes, the crown of our desires.
But when I see the sisters working to raise the cash that lacks,
I somehow feel the church is built on women's tired backs.
And sometimes I can't help think-

ing when we reach the regions blest

What men will get the toil and sweat, and the Ladies Aid the rest.

—Selected by Miss Beverly Coburn

Auxiliary Convention

The Albemarle Auxiliary convention met with Free Union church, Beaufort County, October 5, 1939.

The devotional service was conducted by Alice Webster. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. M. Radcliffe.

We were glad to have with us the following ministers: Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. W. E. Moretz, Rev. D. M. Radcliffe and Rev. Marshall Joyner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of churches were called and they responded in the following manner:

Belhaven (contribution)	\$2.00
Union Chapel	1.00
Shiloh	1.00
Free Union, Beaufort County, (contribution)	4.00
Mt. Tabor (contribution)	2.00
Elizabeth City (contribution)	2.50
Malachi Chapel (contribution)	5.00
Sidney (contribution)	1.75
Mission Circle (contribution)	3.75

The totals are as follows: \$2.50 for convention expenses; \$10.25 for orphanage; \$1.75 for education; \$3.75 for superannuation; \$4.75 for missions; a special collection was taken and we received \$3.45. Totals of all \$26.45.

The following were appointed on the program committee: Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. D. F. Furlough and Mrs. Richard Mariner.

Rev. W. L. Moretz gave a very interesting talk on foreign missions.

After the business session, Rev. Marshall Joyner brought up a very

interesting sermon. We were dismissed by Alton Paul.

Afternoon Session

Devotions were led by Oscar Webster. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Moretz. We were favored with a duet by Miss Mary Webster and Mrs. William Webster.

This being the day for the Stewardship Contest, Mr. Morris made some remarks concerning it. The contestants were: William Swindell and Mary Ann Williams Juniors from Elizabeth City and Salathiel Radcliffe intermediate from Free Union. The judges were Mrs. Smith from Greenville, Rev. W. L. Moretz and Mrs. W. H. Harrison. The judges retired to make their decision. Mrs. B. M. Radcliffe gave a very interesting reading. The judges returned and Mr. Moretz announced the winner, which was William Swindell.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough gave an interesting talk using for her subject, "Stewardship commission." Mr. Morris gave a talk on "Stewardship Tithing," which was interesting. Mrs. W. H. Harrison also gave her a very interesting talk. She used for her subject, "How Christian Stewardship Should Help the Church."

Mrs. Morris asked that each Ladies Aid bring or send \$3.00 to the next convention for foreign missions.

The meeting closed to meet with Sidney Church the First Thursday in April, 1940.

Mrs. Richard Mariner, Pres.,
(Miss) Alice Webster, Secy.

Sidney Aid Report

The Ladies Aid society of Sidney Church met at the church and the meeting was called to order by the president, Sister Katie Roper. The business was entered into, the minutes of the last meeting were read, and then the roll was called. Ten members were present, and the collection for November was \$4.20. There were 51 chapters read in the

Bible since our last meeting. We are hoping that we will accomplish more by the time the next meeting is held. The meeting closed with Mrs. Laura Hill offering the benediction. The next meeting will be held at the church. The hostess served a sweet course with candy and apples.

Mrs. Laura Hill

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Reactions to the Good News

(Lesson for December 10)

Lesson: Matthew 11: 16-30. Read Matthew 11 and 12.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and My burden is light*" (Matthew 11: 28-30).

The Lord Jesus saw that He was practically rejected by the people to whom He had come, and so appealed to all who were in need everywhere. First, The Lord Jesus invites to come to Him those who *labor and are heavy laden*; that is, those who are seeking by their own legal efforts to find peace and satisfaction, and who are laden down with the heavy burden of the Law. The Lord does not refer here to sins, but to service; not to guilt, but to labor and to oppression. It is a call and invitation to those under the legal economy to come to Him. And He promises to give them rest; that is, He will give them rest as a free gift. The Lord is, in fact, taking here the place of the Saviour, instead of the King. The rest He offers and promises is typical of that full, free, and blessed rest He gives from the galling yoke of the Law and from the weight of sin's guilt, on the ground of His finished work on Calvary. Second, The Lord Jesus invites those who come to Him to *take his yoke* upon them and to *learn of him*. While He practically takes the place of Saviour here, He also practically takes the place of Lord. He calls all who come to Him to submit to His Lordship and to learn the much

needed lesson of meekness. It is in submission to Him that rest is found. There is no soul rest in rebellion to the Lord's will and mastery. And submission must be learned from the Lord Himself. The secret of true submission to the Lord is meekness and lowliness.—**W. S. H.**

I. HOME WORK

1. What occasion had the enemies of Christ to call Him "a Man gluttonous, and a winebibber"? (Luke 5: 29-35; John 2: 1-11).

2. Is it right for us to speak of Jesus today as a Friend of sinners? (Romans 5: 8; 1 Timothy 1:15).

3. Which of the Apostles came from Bethsaida? (John 1:44).

4. What were some of the great deeds Christ wrought in Capernaum? (Luke 4: 31-37, 38-41; Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 8: 5-13; 17:24-27; John 4:46-54).

5. What is the attitude of the "wise and prudent" of this world

toward Christ? (1 Corinthians 1: 18-31).

6. What authority have we for believing that there will be different degrees of punishment at the judgment? (Luke 12: 47, 48).

7. What is the only way of approach to God open to men? (John 14:6; Matthew 11: 27).

8. What is the fourfold invitation of Christ? (Matthew 11: 28; John 1: 39; 2 Corinthians 6: 17; Revelation 4: 1).

9. What other yokes than the yoke of Christ are there? (Acts 15: 10; 2 Corinthians 6: 14; Galatians 5:1).

10. What invitations of grace are found in the Old Testament? (Isaiah 1: 18; 55: 1, 3).

11. Read Psalms 2 and 23 this week. Also study the very helpful lesson material in our quarterlies.

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worthy of confidence than capricious children (Matthew 11: 16, 17).

2. Rejection of the messenger of Christ leads to the rejection of Christ Himself (vss. 18, 19).

3. The wisdom of God's salvation is recognized and appreciated only by the children of God (vs. 19).

4. The greater the revelation of God to us, the greater is our responsibility toward Him (vs 20).

5. The lesser the light, the greater the wickedness; but, the greater the light, the greater the responsibility (vs. 21).

6. There may be judgments of God during the present age, but the final judgment will come at the end of the age (vss. 22, 24).

7. Better a "babe" with the knowledge of God, than a "Bachelor of Something-or-Other" without it (vs. 25).

8. There is no way of knowing the Father except through the Son (vs. 27).

9. The threefold invitation has a threefold promise: Come, take, learn; rest, service, fellowship (vss. 28-30).

10. The invitation to salvation is unconditional, on the one condition that we accept the invitation (vss. 28-30). —J. C. T.

11. In this lesson we see man sinning against the light. The generation which Christ preached and among whom He wrought His mighty works, was highly privileged. First, the people were favored by seeing and hearing John the forerunner of Christ, whose appearance had been foretold by the Prophets (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3: 1). Some believed the message of John, but the majority were indifferent. The religious party refused to believe him (Matthew 21: 32). Some said he was demon-possessed (11: 18). Then what a favor to have the Son of God from Heaven in their midst! But such was the spiritual condition of the Jews that

they saw no beauty in Christ, they regarded Him as one guilty of self-indulgence, unworthy of their patronage (vs. 19). When men and women deliberately and persistently sin against the light, their position is hopeless (vss 22, 24). When we receive the light, and follow Christ, we no longer walk in darkness (John 12:46); but when we refuse

to receive Christ, when we close our eyes to the light of His Word, we walk in moral and spiritual darkness (12:35), and unless we repent we are finally cast out into outer darkness (Matt. 13:42).—Hedley.

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Every one on the island was hungry, but they had heard of God from the brave, kind missionaries who had come to live among them, and they believed that the heavenly Father would, in some way, send them food. Day after day they prayed that the ship might come. At last, very early one morning, far away in the distance, they saw a ship coming toward them.

It was not the ship which they had expected, for that had met with an accident, but this ship brought the food for which they had been praying. Some of the schoolboys who helped to unload it saw a box which seemed as if it might have biscuits in it, and they begged their teacher to let them carry it to the mission house and open it. When the box was opened, each boy and girl was given a biscuit, but to the teacher's surprise, they did not take a bite. "Why don't you eat?" he asked, for he knew how hungry they were. One of them answered, "We will first thank God for sending us the food."—*The Sunbeam*.

Psalm 136:1a, 25: "O give thanks unto the Lord. . . Who giveth food to all."

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, The Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy saw fit to call our brother, W. W. Whitehurst, to his heavenly reward, we the members of Piny Grove Church submit the following resolutions.

First, That, though we are saddened by his passing, we bow in humble submission, and due recognition to His holy will in calling the spirit of our brother to be forever with Him;

Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy and love over their great loss, during the hours of their bereavement, and also to assure them of God's consolation by placing their trust in Him; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy placed on the church register.

Rev. Marshall Joyner,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Bell Tyson, Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

The following verses are in memory of Sister Alice Smithwick of Arapahoe, North Carolina, whose spirit God called to live with Him on September 23, 1939.

Your trials are over
Your troubles are past;
You are sweetly sleeping
With loved ones at last.

You have worked for your Master,
Through joy and through tears;
You dedicated your life to Him,
At the age of eleven years.

For such a life of service,
You worked both early and late;
Your reward in heaven
Must be very great.

Oh, that loved ones will follow
The example you've made;
And meet you in glory
As often as you've prayed.

We walked down the aisle together
And gave our lives to God;
But yours have been more consecrated,
In the paths you've trod.

Someday, I hope to meet you,
Within that city fair;
And dedicate our lives again
To do service over there.

Written by her cousin,
Fannie Paul Taylor

TOLER. On September, 26, the Lord saw fit to take from this earth Mr. Alex Toler. He was born on August 15, 1880, making his stay on earth 59 years, 1 month and 11 days.

Mr. Toler was a member of the Rock of Zion Church, and was faithful until the Lord called him away. He was a good friend and neighbor.

He leaves to mourn their loss his widow, two daughters, four sons and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted in the Rock of Zion Church by his pastor, Rev. N. D. Wiggs, and assisted by Rev. Duff Toler. His body was laid to rest in the Church cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers.

His place is now vacant,
Which can never be filled;
But we can live to meet him
If we will do God's will.

Written by Erma Carmody

BALLARD. On the night of October 11, 1939, at the Biltmore Hospital, the Lord saw fit to take from us our beloved husband. He was sick only a short while. He heard the call, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

He told all his friends good bye, and went to meet Him in heaven. The many hypodermics given him did not keep him from singing God's praises the last days while on earth.

We must bow humbly to the Lord, and thank Him for our happy married life of eighteen years, and for two lovely daughters, Inez 16, and Hilda 14, who love and adore their parents, but most their Saviour.

The funeral services were conducted at Cedar Hill Church, of which he was a member. His body was laid to rest in the Rich Cemetery. Revs. J. A. Ball, Bascombe Brigman, Jenkins, and Ervin Sluder officiated.

The large crowd and floral offerings were evidences of his many friends, and acquaintances.

"Thy memory, dear husband,
Is a guiding star to heaven."

By his loving companion,
Mrs. Hobart Ballard

SERMONETTE

Let us remember that the beneficent Creator has given us all a moral sense to be enlightened and elevated, intellectual powers to be continually exercised and invigorated, social affections to be developed and refined, and religious aspirations to be cherished and purified; that all these faculties and affections are given to enable us to secure our own happiness and promote that of others; and that he who shall most assiduously and perseveringly improve them, in humble dependence on the Divine protection and guidance and with motives of the most extensive benevolence, will be most honored, most happy, and most beloved in this life, and best prepared to appear in the presence of the great Author of them all, and await there His gracious behests for that life that commences beyond the bounds of mortal vision and activity.—William H. Seward.

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"How Shall They Hear without a Preacher?"

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"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28: 18-20.

This is what Jesus told the apostles when He appeared to them after His resurrection. I believe this command is for every one that is a disciple or follower of the Lord Jesus Christ today. And I also think that we should study over this and ask God where He would have us to go. In Rom. 10:1, 2, we hear brother Paul saying, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." And as it was with Israel of old, so it is with millions today. They have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge.

We find that the apostle was ignorantly zealous of God and persecuted the "Church of God", but when convinced that he was wrong, he obeyed the call of the Lord and went forth, making one of the greatest missionaries of all times. And now, today, God is still calling for "laborers" to go to both the home and foreign mission fields and make known the gospel of Christ. Now, when we think of the millions who are worshipping idols and false gods, and how they are dying without any knowledge of the name of Christ, (a name apart from which there can be no salvation) it ought to stir us up and make us seek to do everything in our power to get that life giving message of salvation to all the world, yea, every creature.

Methinks, I hear some of our Free Will Baptist people saying, "There's

no use of us going to foreign fields because if we don't go some one else will." Well, that may be true but remember that the ones who labor will get the reward. Now as for me, I had rather die on the battle field in the service of God, and be sure of hearing the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," than to lag back and take it easy and have to hear my Lord say, "Thou wicked and slothful servant."

Again some may say, "My Son, or my daughter is too young to think about being a missionary." But let us call to mind what the Holy Ghost said by the mouth of the wise man. Found in Ecclesiastes 12: 1. "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Therefore we should encourage the young people to enter the service of God in early life. For I truly believe that those who gave their hearts and lives to the Lord while they were small children are making more progress in their Christian warfare than many who waited until they were older. The longer we live in sin the more adjusted we will become to this world and the less chance we have of learning about and obeying God.

Indeed there is much to be done in both the foreign fields, and also at home. It is said, that in China there are twenty-six thousand non-Christians to every Christian. And in our own fair land the number of professed Christians is very small. And among that small congregation there are many who have never known the real joys of salvation, because they have never had the new birth, without which no one can see the kingdom of God. This will give us an idea of what these people know about God. And we should realize their souls are as dear to them as ours are to us. What are

we going to do about it? Are we going to stay around home and enjoy the good blessings of the Lord and let those who know not our God both here and in other lands die in their sins? Or are we going to say as Isaiah of old, "*Here am I, send me.*"

It seems that most people of today like to be brave, and do things that will attract the attention of the world, but I believe the best way to show our courage and bravery is to turn from sin and the cares of the world, give our hearts and lives to the Lord, and tarry before Him until we are endued with power from on high, then go out and tell the lost ones of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Tell them of the great peace and joys we have in our lives, and also tell them that by doing the same things that we did they can have the same or even greater joys than we have. And the thing to do is to forsake and confess all sins, and then believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. For it is written, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (1 John 5:1).

Let us not forget that Brother Paul has said in Romans ten, thirteen and fourteen, that, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10: 13, 14). Then somebody must tell them about Jesus, that they may believe on Him, call upon Him and be saved. So, beloved, let us stay humble before God that we may hear the call and when the call is given

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EDITORIAL

According to recent reports, we learn that the November drive for the orphanage at Middlesex is progressing in a good way. Quite a number of the churches have already raised their fifty cents per member.

ORPHANAGE DRIVE There are others, however, that have not, to the present, finished with their quotas, but are still working to reach the goal. Yet there are still others that have not reported, we are informed, to the orphanage just what they have done toward co-operating with this orphanage drive.

We want to say that the superintendent, Rev. M. E. Tyson, is very desirous that every church in the State raise within the next few weeks its share of the fifty cents per member, and mail the check to the orphanage as early as possible. He wants to make a complete announcement of the total results of all churches reporting in the State. Each church is urged, therefore, to do its very best to raise its part in this great drive. It is hoped that, when the report is published through the columns of the Baptist, no church will fall short of the fifty cents per member on its church roll.

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The new Advanced Sunday School quarterly is now ready for sale. Quite a number of orders have already been placed, along with the regular orders for the other Sunday School literature, and new orders are being received daily.

THE ADVANCED SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY Several of the leading ministers, who have received sample copies for inspection, have

sent complimentary remarks about it, stating that it is the quarterly to fill the long-felt need in the upper Young People's and Adult classes in the Sunday Schools.

Any superintendent, Sunday-school teacher, or other church leaders, who are interested in receiving a sample copy for inspection, will be sent one upon request. May we state that any comments concerning the composition, the lesson-content, and the method of development of the lessons of the quarterly will be received gladly from those interested in the quarterly.

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The subscription campaign for the Baptist, sponsored by the Leaguers of North Carolina, has closed, and we assume that all workers have sent in their lists of subscriptions by this date to the Press for tabulation, and public announcement of results. From the reports thus far received, we are forced to admit that the campaign is disappointing, to say the least. The official records which we have of the campaign to date are as follows:

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The winners of the awards will be announced a little later on in accordance with the rules of the campaign. For any who may be concerned, the

rules are given in the October fourth issue of the Baptist, page eight, column two. If there are some who have not turned in all of the subscriptions which you have secured, please send them in right away, for we want to be sure that all are in before we announce the final record.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Why Go to Church — 1. Because the church is the tabernacle of the Most High and He has promised to meet us there. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18: 20).

2. Because we need the help that the church affords. It helps to unify us in the Master's service. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

3. Because by you going to church you set an example for others. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5: 16).

4. Because without the church, yourself, your neighbor, the community, and the nations would soon go into barbarism. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (33: 12).

5. Because if you abandon the church you disown the practice and the doctrine of the apostles. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

6. Because to wilfully stay away from church is to take a step in apostasy. Apostasy leads to eternal damnation. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them" (2 Peter 2: 21).

7. Because to wilfully stay away from church is to wilfully disobey God's command as given by the apostle Paul, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another." (Heb. 10:25). Let that therefore abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you ye also shall continue in the Son and in the Father" (1 John 2:24).

The New Quarterly—We have just received a copy of the new quarterly — "The Advanced Quarterly" for use by adults and young people's classes—which is one of the best arranged works of its kind in our denomination. The editor, Rev. R. B. Spencer, has excelled any of his past work in preparing this quarterly. I predict that it will be accepted by a large number of our people and used to a degree of appreciation that will be encouraging to the editor, and also to the publisher. It will fill a long felt need by many of those who have been asking for something of its class for a good while. *May God bless and sanctify it to the good of all concerned.*

The Word "Original"—It has been asked, "Why do the North Carolina Free Will Baptists use the word 'Original' in designating the name. In reply to this question I will state that I searched a good bit and the first time the word 'Original' was used was back in the year 1853. The use of the word was brought about when the North Carolina brethren split over secret orders. Those were brethren who opposed the accepting of members who belonged to secret orders. This opposition began in 1847 and ended in the conference of 1853. The old Conference at the time of division adopted the following resolutions: "That by the help of God we will adhere to, and abide by, and keep inviolate the articles of faith, the rules of discipline and the constitution of the original Free Will Baptist church. That we believe the rules of discipline gives to each individual church its own key — the

privilege of transacting its own business independently of the General Conference. May I further inform you that the split brought each side to claim the word "Original" but one of the factions soon died out and was swallowed up by other Baptist denominations, leaving what we call the "Original Free Will Baptist." Since then another division has come in North Carolina. The "Unknown Tongue" got into some of the churches and thereby a split was the result. So we have the "original" Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and then those who call themselves "Free Will Baptists" and in some places they use the word "Holiness" attached to the name "Free Will Baptist." So those of you of the North and West who want to know why we use the name "Original" this is the *why*.

Thanksgiving with Me—I had the pleasure of attending the Thanksgiving service at the Orphanage at Middlesex. It was good to be there. I saw a large number of my old friends. About twenty preachers included in this number—about that many spoke in the way of testimony. John Linton a former student of the Orphanage gave the welcome address. A goodly number of the former students made short talks—expressing their appreciation for the Orphanage. The day was lovely, the attendance good—a picnic dinner was served on the grounds. The people ate and rejoiced, and many said good things about the progress and the Superintendent was highly complimented by many. Well it was good to be there.

Thanksgiving services were held at Bridgeton Wednesday evening. And at Black Jack on Thursday evening. Your servant—the writer—preached at both of these churches. We took offerings for the Orphanage.

I am planning to give some early history of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina next week and in the weeks to come for several issues.

Do You Need Money?

(WE DO TOO)

What for? To build a church? Where? At the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage. W-h-y? Because we have no church of our denomination closer than seven miles over a rough and muddy mountain road. We feel that God is not satisfied with us having an Orphanage with no church for our children to attend. The church is the dining-room for *Spiritual Food* just the same as the mess hall is for physical food.

Then too, what kind of a denomination are we to say "We the Free Will Baptist" will furnish the physical food and let some other denomination furnish the Spiritual food? I'm afraid we will wake-up some day and say "Where are all our children, whom we worked so hard to rear in the orphanage?" When we begin to look around we will find them scattered here and yonder, pastors and church workers in some other denominations. *Spiritual* food, after all, is the only food that lasts.

If we can provide a church of our own Faith for them, God being their helper, some day soon, we will find them striving to, make our own churches better. W-h-e-n are you going to build? We are not *going* to build, we're already building. We want you to help us to *keep on building*. H-o-w? By sending us a donation of *not more* than a hundred dollars nor less than one cent. A list of the givers, their addresses, and amount given by them (if no objections) will be posted in the vestibule of the church for years and years to come.

Send your \$100 or one cent to Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Greenville, Tennessee, Route 9. She is treasurer of the church. When do we want it sent? N-o-w. We need it today.

I. L. Stanley, Supt.

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F. W. B. Orphanage Holds Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

The Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. held its annual Thanksgiving celebration November 30th. For the first time, this day was designated as "Homecoming" for the former superintendents, employees, and children. A large number of friends, former children, and ministers were present for the event.

The morning program consisted of appropriate musical numbers by the children, comments by prominent ministers, and former superintendents. Superintendent M. E. Tyson also gave a fitting report of the work in general, in which he outlined briefly the progress that has been made at the home during the past year. His commendable report brought gratitude to the hearts of his many admiring friends and supporters. The spirit of these was portrayed very forcibly in the way they responded to the needs of the home. The Thanksgiving offering on this occasion amounted to more than one thousand dollars in cash and a large donation of commodities.

After a bountiful lunch on the grounds, the former students met for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association. The following officers were elected: Robert Brewer, Greenville, N. C., president; Haywood Howell, Varina, N. C. secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, N. C. treasurer.

The harmony and enthusiasm demonstrated by the former children were gratifying indeed and the organization promises to be one of the greatest assets of the home. The entire body constituting the Alumni Association unanimously voted to make their meeting an annual affair. They plan their next meeting to take place in the spring at the institution.

We consider this as one of the most profitable Thanksgiving cele-

brations ever held at the Institution, and we're hoping that the spirit will be continued for the ensuing years.

M. E. Tyson, Supt.

A Few Testimonials of the New Advanced Quarterly

Dear Baptist Readers:

By the time you read this, many of you will have seen our new quarterly, and will be happy to know that we have such a splendid publication for young people and adults. It deserves a large circulation in our own churches, and in other bodies as well.

The new Advanced Quarterly is true to the Bible. Thank God for that! Now let us use it. We have not seen a better quarterly for young people and adults, in fact it is superior to most we have inspected.

Our job is to aid by using our own Sunday School literature. I am praying for those who are responsible for its preparation and publication.

Yours in His name,
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

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Dear Baptist Readers:

I have examined the first issue of *The Advanced Quarterly*, and think it is really good. I like the arrangement of the lessons, and the more complete and scholarly manner in which each topic is discussed in the outline.

The suggestions "For Discussion" at the close of the comments on each topic should promote interest among the members of the class, and inspire to more study.

The "For Additional Study" at the end of each lesson is very good too. I feel that this quarterly will fill a long-felt need in our Sunday Schools. I commend it very highly to our people.

Yours truly,
Willet L. Moretz,
Swannanoa, N. C.

Word Concerning Mr. Styron's Condition

Dear Baptist Readers:

This is to let the people know how Mr. Styron is getting along, November 28th. He is back from Duke Hospital, and has been back for a week now. His condition is not any better, although he is better than he was while he was in Duke.

His general condition does not improve at all, and he is very nervous about himself, seeing that he does not improve at all. He is requesting everybody to pray for him to get relief, in whatever God may see fit.

Now for over two hours he has been tossing and tumbling with pain in his head. Even hypodermics failed to ease this time, and twice before, and he cannot understand this suffering. Some of his friends see him some days, and some days he cannot see anyone, due to his nervous condition.

I am asking the prayers of every one myself. When I begin to think of the life of service to my church, and sacrifice I've made since I was a child of 12 years, and trying to help him carry on his line of work, I get so discouraged, and we both ask ourselves, what have we done to come to all this suffering for both of us and our children.

Please pray on for us.

Mrs. S. H. Styron

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Late News Flash about Rev. Styron

Mr. Styron is still very sick and in a very serious condition. We have a nurse with him now since he has to have hypodermics so often.

He seems very anxious to get well and expresses a desire for people to pray for him. He sleeps little without dope, and always seems heartbroken.

Mrs. Styron

Thanksgiving

By C. J. Harris

Thanksgiving Day, it's rolled around,
 The harvest and blessings both abound.
 God gave the seasons and the year,
 Our life and all things dear,
 The Faith that does not swerve,
 The water that flows so free,
 The fish that swim the sea,
 The fowls that wing the air,
 And all the good things we share.

Thanksgiving to God for the earth so grand,
 For the waters that divide the land,
 For Thine infinite wisdom in creating man,
 The master work of Thy hand.
 Adam in Eden was happy and free,
 Until he ate of the forbidden tree,
 By temptation in sin he fell,
 And lost his dominion over death and hell.

Thanksgiving to God for the promised "Seed,"
 The Serpent's head is bruised indeed,
 Adam's guilt is crushed within,
 Jesus paid the price for sin.
 "God so loved" us, and Jesus gave His precious blood for man to save.
 'Twas the "unspeakable gift" of of grace,
 The atonement for the human race.

Thank Jesus for His life of love,
 For those beautiful mansions above.
 Thank God for the eternal years,
 When He shall have wiped away all tears.
 We trust our life and soul to Thee,
 Thy mercy in Christ is all to me.
 It's Thanksgiving Day, and by faith we wing
 To the heights where the angels sing,
 "Holy, holy, holy God on high!"
 In that "Home," sweet home, beyond the sky.

Union Report

The First Union of the Western Association met in session with the church at Mt. Zion, Wilson County, October 28, 1939. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Tildon Renfrow. After the usual opening remarks by the moderator, the finance committee was appointed as follows: J. C. Collier, M. H. Johnson and W. T. Forehand.

The list of ministers was called, and there were twelve present, and six absent. Then the list of churches was called. There were twenty churches represented, and two failed to send delegates.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant spoke very beautifully concerning the Orphanage work, took the offering which was \$12.55. Mr. and Mrs. Davis who were present rendered some special music just before the sermon which was preached by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

In the afternoon session we had song by the congregation and prayer by W. G. Pike. Then we were favored by some more music by Brother and Sister Davis. At this time there was special prayer offered for Rev. S. H. Styron, and an offering taken for him. The amount received was \$11.78. By motion we accept Brother Pittman's proposition to keep the secretary-treasurer's place until the regular time to elect officers for this union. By motion Brother R. N. Hinnant serve as program committee.

There was a committee of five appointed by the moderator to study the needs of our churches and ministers, and report at the next union, which is as follows: Revs. J. A. Evans, R. N. Hinnant, W. R. Williams, Rommie Mitchell, and W. F. Pittman. By motion we have the finance Committee and Treasurer's report.

The Report

On hand from the last union.	\$19.32
Received today for the union.	15.00
Received for education	6.75
For missions	6.25
For the Orphanage	17.25
Collection for the Orphanage	12.55

For disabled ministers ----- 11.00

Total ----- \$88.12

Disbursements

Paid to M. E. Tyson	\$29.80
To J. R. Davidson	15.00
To disabled ministers	11.00
To the moderator	5.00
To the clerk	7.00

Total paid out ----- \$67.80

Balance on hand ----- \$20.32

By motion we send Rev. J. R. Davidson \$15.00 out of our educational funds to be applied on the educational program. Then we were favored by some more special music, and a solo by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

The next union will meet at Holly Springs in Johnston County. There was a rising vote of thanks extended to the church and community at Mt. Zion for their kind hospitality given to this union meeting. Then by motion the union adjourned by Brother and Sister Davis singing, and Elder L. T. Phillips offering prayer.

W. R. Williams, *Moderator*W. F. Pittman, *Secy.-Treas.*

Report of the Cape Fear Union

The union met with Lee's Chapel on October 28, 1939. The devotional services were led by Rev. R. H. Jackson. There were eleven officers present, seven ministers, and seventeen Sunday Schools represented.

At ten thirty o'clock a testimonial service was led by Rev. W. H. Lancaster, and at eleven o'clock Rev. H. R. Faircloth preached. In the afternoon after the devotions were over, the reports were made from the various churches and committees, also announcements. A reading was given by little Madge Davis. The mission work that is being done in Clinton by Rev. R. H. Jackson was discussed.

At the three o'clock hour we adjourned to meet on December 30, 1939 with the church at Hopewell.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, *Mod.,*Ruth M. Warren, *Secretary*

South Carolina Free Will Baptists to Erect an Orphanage

For several years there has been quite a bit of talk relative to an orphanage for the Free Will Baptists of South Carolina, but no definite action was ever taken until a little more than a year ago. The Sunday School Convention got behind the movement, and started the ball to rolling. A Board of Trustees was elected in the 1938 Fall Convention. This Board was endorsed by the Conference of that fall, and authorized to proceed to locate and purchase a suitable site, and go forward with buildings as rapidly as possible.

A very desirable site has been purchased in the edge of Turbeville, South Carolina, which is within one half mile of Horse Branch church. The site is paid for in full, and the Board now has about \$600 toward the buildings, and is very hopeful of being in a financial position to begin the first building early in 1940. South Carolina Free Will Baptists are very enthusiastic over the prospects of having an orphanage, and the various churches, with few exceptions, are doing a good job in raising money for this purpose. Some churches went well over the top in 1939 campaign. It is hoped and believed that all churches of the Original Free Will Baptist Conference of South Carolina will join together in one great band with a purpose to further this cause in the relief of the poor fatherless and motherless children of this section of the State.

Our people have been long since in the need of an orphan home which should take care of any needy child regardless of creed or church affiliation, and it will be on this principle that this home will operate when its doors are opened. It is on this basis that all other conferences, and bodies are invited to join with us in this great service to needy and lonely children.

The Board of Trustees are requesting the prayers of all Christian

people that we may have this home completed, and serving our helpless little ones. The following are the members of the Board of Trustees: Elder Miller M. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C.; Elder George C. Vause, Timmons ville, S. C.; Rev. E. Picket Kirby, Cades, S. C.; Eli Floyd, Lake City, S. C.; Walker Miles, Cowards, S. C.; and R. C. Baggette, Foreston, S. C.

May we all continue in one accord with a mind to work.

R. C. Baggette, *Secretary*,
Foreston, North Carolina

A Song for the Time of Trouble

By Daniel Nettleton

God's prophet said: "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."—Daniel 12:1.

Also, Jesus said: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."—Luke 21:25.

But, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."—Luke 12:32.

BUILDING on the Rock of Ages, (Is. 26: 4, A. R. V., margin)

I WILL fear no wind that blows. (Matt. 7: 24, 25; Is. 33: 14-17)

THOUGH the tempest round me rages, (Ps. 11: 6)

I SHALL conquer all my foes. (Rom. 8: 27)

I WILL fear no persecution, (Rom. 8:35; 2 Cor. 4: 9)

FOR my God in Heaven rules. (Dan. 4: 17-25)

SAFE within the walls of His salvation (Is. 26: 1; 60:18)

I CAN smile and let Him choose. (Rom. 8: 28; 1 Pet. 5: 10)

OH, THE joy of resting sweetly! (Matt. 11: 28, 29)

IT is heaven to be with Him, (Ps. 16:11)

FOR He restores and makes me holy, (1 Thess. 5: 23, 24; Heb. 13: 20, 21)

And he saves me from all sin. (Ps. 51: 3, 7; 1 John 1: 1-9)

GLORY! Glory! Hallelujah! (Is. 25: 9; 26: 19)

I SHALL soon be home with Him, (Rev. 22: 20)

FOR His coming draweth nearer. (James 5:7,8)

Then I'll hear the ransomed sing. (Is. 35: 10; Rev. 14: 3)

Now the gates of pearl are open, (Is. 26: 2)

LO! THE King of Glory comes. (Is. 25: 31)

JESUS! Jesus! Mighty Savior! (Rev. 14: 14)

WELCOME, Thou, and the holy throne. (Jude 14, A. R. V.)

LO! THE earth is filled with glory; (Hab. 2: 14)

ENDED is all strife and pain, (Rev. 21: 1-5; Isaiah 11:9)

AND forgotten sin's sad story, (Is. 65: 17)

FOR the Prince of Peace doth reign. (Luke 1: 31-33)

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."—Rev. 5: 12, 13—From *God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate*.

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Spiritual Aspirations

By Rev. W. M. Bours

Spirituality is the vital spark that animates the whole human nature—body, mind and soul—into a worshipful duty toward God and a neighborly attitude toward mankind.

That day may be counted as being amiss which does not harbor, in the human heart, at least one charitable thought that gives birth to a devotion of the Entirety of Human Nature to the welfare of humanity.

News from Holly Springs (CARTERET COUNTY)

Please allow me space in our paper to tell the people about our revival at Holly Springs. Our meeting began on Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, and ran for ten days.

Rev. J. C. Griffin did the preaching, and the spirit of the Lord was felt very much during the entire meeting. The congregations were not as large as they have been in the past, but I have never been in a meeting that conviction was written on the faces of the unsaved as much as it was during this revival.

God blessed with six additions to the church, and one was reclaimed. The effect of the revival can still be seen in the increased attendance at Sunday School and church services. We enjoyed Brother Griffin's stay in our community and also that of his family when it was possible for them to be with us.

We closed the meeting with thankful hearts for every convert, and had sad hearts for those who turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of the Master. Our prayers are that they may yet find that a life without Jesus is void of the greatest joy that one may possess.

Rev. J. R. Bennett is our pastor for this year. This is the second time he has been called as our pastor which shows the love and esteem

that our church has for him. We are praying that our church may grow and fill the mission for which it was established, and that it may be a great beacon light to the world to lead men and women to Jesus.

Mrs. James Howard

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A Note of Thanks

We wish to express our very deep appreciation to our many friends for their expressions of sympathy through cards, floral designs, and other means during the recent illness and passing of our baby, Velma Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tyson

Two Practical New Books

Girlhood Today

By HELEN WELSHIMER

A new book that will inspire girls to the highest and best in life



Fifty-five short messages to girls on how to live graciously in a modern world, by Helen Welshimer. One of America's foremost pen women, Miss Welshimer has had her poems and messages to women featured in over eight hundred daily newspapers. Her poems and stories appear in *Good Housekeeping*, *Christian Herald*, *The Lookout*, *Saturday Evening Post*, etc.

Miss Welshimer has a keen understanding of girls—their hopes, their dreams, their faults and fears. And in this new book she characterizes each message with high Christian idealism, deep insight, practical knowledge of the modern world and a haunting poetic beauty of expression.

"Girlhood Today" will inspire girls to the highest and best in life. It is especially appropriate as a gift book, is beautifully printed, bound and jacketed.

Price, \$1.00

How to Win Boys

By ROSCOE GILMORE STOTT

Boy lovers in home, school and church will welcome this new book



This volume is a fresh, gripping, unusually practical, twenty-four chapter consideration of the "boy problem." The author knows boys—older boys, young boys, city boys, country boys, thoughtful boys and active boys. He tells how to meet them, understand them, talk to them, teach them, play with them, win them to Christ and the church. Athletics, novelty, class activity and organization, teaching methods, leadership, good citizenship, etc., all have their chapters; each one reading like a brilliant conversation. Dr. Stott creates the desire to win boys in those who may not have considered this field of service. Workers with boys who seek to be more effective will find ways and means in abundance in this new book.

The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

A splendid book by a competent author.

Price, \$1.00

"How Shall They Hear without a Preacher?"

(Continued from page three)

let us be ready to obey and go forth in the name of Jesus, doing our best to rescue lost men and women, boys and girls from the dark valley of sin, and when our life's work is finished we can be able to say as did our beloved brother Paul, "For I am now ready to be offered up and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing".

Now I will close by giving part of a song that expresses my purpose in life fully.

"When I enter that beautiful city,
Far removed from earth's sorrow
and fear;

I want to hear somebody saying,
It was you who invited me here."

Program

Program of the Second District of the Central Conference of North Carolina, to be held with St's Delight Church in Greene County Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1939.

- 9:30—Devotions by Rev. R. H. Mason
- 9:45—Enrollment and appointment of committees
- 10:15—Business
- 11:00—Special music—Rev. R. P. Harris in charge
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Dail
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Reassemble. Devotions by Rev. M. Joyner
- 1:15—Business and suggestions for the good of the Union
- 3:00—Adjournment

Rev. D. W. Alexander,
Rev. W. B. Nobles,
E. C. Hines,

Committee.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ROSE BOWEN, President

National Auxiliary Convention,

2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Stewardship Commission

By Mrs. D. H. Furlough,
Creswell, N. C.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

How far are we to carry this message? To all nations, for salvation by Christ should be offered to all and none to be neglected. The Salvation that we are to teach is: whosoever will let him come, for there is no difference in Christ Jesus.

Then, surely we are to do our part to make Christians of all nations. Jesus promised that if we will go He will go with us, and this means much to me, for surely every Christian should be concerned about lost souls. No church nor individual can deny its obligation. We need to realize how many boys and girls, men and women are lost, and are not in service for the Master. We need to make a list of their names and make a study of their lives, and try to understand why they have not been won to Christ Jesus. Too often it has been said that we cannot get him or her to come to Christ. But we should say that with the Lord's help we can win that soul to Christ.

I consider it a joy to invite people to become acquainted with my Redeemer. To me God's work which we carry on here should be just as attractive to the eyes of the unsaved as it possibly can be, for the church of tomorrow is to be stronger than the church of today. Someone must make it his business to see that children and young people should practice stewardship for the need of

Christian education which is very much needed in our church.

The Master intended that we should tell the "good news," therefore He made no other plan for its spreading through the world. When He went away, He left the story of his love in the hands of a little group of disciples. They passed it on to others so it came on down through the ages until today it rests in your hands and mine. He is depending upon us to tell the story to others as we pass this way but once. The greatest need of the world today is more Christlike people, and shall we fail Him who laid down His life for us? He has said in His word, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven."

When I think of the orphan children whom we can help, I think of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, ye have done it unto me." Again He said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." He meant for us to pray for others, and yet how seldom some of us remember to pray for those around us, much less for our missionaries on the foreign fields. He is depending on us women to do our part. Shall we fail Him who is the foundation of all that is good and holy?

To the Third Vice-Presidents of the Various Districts

Dear Co-Workers:

I sent a notice to the Baptist sometime ago asking for the Third Vice-Presidents of the various districts to please send to me their names and addresses that I could send to them my plans. This was to be worked out in the behalf of

missions in the month of January, 1940.

So far not one of the district directors has answered. Three of the locals have, and I appreciate their interest very much, but I am not to deal with the local. They are for the district to deal with your local directors. I am to deal only with the district since I am Third-Vice-President for the Eastern District, as well as State. I am submitting my plans along with this notice. Therefore, I want the district directors to urge your locals to work real hard that our work will not lag. The mission work is surely a worthy work and come along, and give it your best attention. If we will do this we will not go before our various conventions next spring empty handed. We will have a worthwhile report to give them, and think how glad we will be. Therefore, come on one and all, locals, districts and State, and let us begin now to talk missions for the month of January, 1940.

HERE ARE THE PLANS!

We plan to make January, 1940, our Mission month, and we want you to put a Study Course among your ladies, using the book entitled Stewardship and Missions. Urge each society in your district to raise funds for both Home and Foreign missions to the sum of at least \$2 per society. Please report to me as early as possible after January 31 the results of your campaign, together with the funds raised, stating what amount is to be used for Home Missions, and what amount to be used for Foreign Missions.

I trust you will be prompt in responding to this call as it is urgent that we formulate plans, and be ready to execute them at the time mentioned. Let us pray much that our Lord shall lead in giving us a great victory in behalf of our mission workers.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,

State Third Vice-President
Bridgeton, North Carolina

Shiloh Aid Report

The Aid met at the home of Mrs. Mary V. Byrd in November with the president calling the meeting to order. The business was entered into and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the secretary called the roll with eleven members present. The collection was \$3.75.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: 35 sick visits made; flowers sent one; 6 trays taken to the sick; one quilt sent to the orphanage at Middlesex; and two chapters read in Mark's Gospel. The meeting closed with Mrs. Nellie Boyd pronouncing the benediction.

The Aid will meet again on December 8 at the home of Mrs. J. E. Foreman. The hostess served chicken salad sandwiches and cakes with hot coffee.

Mrs. Grady Boyd

Fine Christmas Gifts!

(IDEAL GIFTS FOR ALL
OCCASIONS)

Two little books of sixty-four pages each, entitled "Great Stories from the Bible," and "A Garden of Bible Verses for Juniors," are fine for boys and girls.

The first contains six leading stories for Juniors. They are striking stories of courage, daring, forgiveness, adventure and self sacrifice which challenge Juniors to follow in the footsteps of these great men of the Bible.

The other is a companion to "A Garden of Prayers." It makes a fine gift for young boys and girls. These verses from the Bible have been chosen carefully by the author, Eveleen Harrison, for Juniors. These little books have just come from the Textford Press, New York, N. Y. and sell for only forty cents each post paid.

Send your orders to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

He Giveth More

He giveth more grace (James 4: 6). He increaseth strength (Isaiah 40:29). Mercy unto you, and peace, and love be multiplied (Jude 1: 2).

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater.

He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;

To added affliction He addeth His mercy,

To multiplied trials, He multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our stores of endurance.

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,

His power no boundary known to men;

For out of His infinite riches is Jesus

He giveth and giveth again.

—Selected.

Notice

We have an article without signature by the title, "A House Top Vision." May the writer drop us a card, letting us know who is to get credit for the message?—Editor.

I know not how long a republican government can flourish among a great people who have not the Bible,—the experiment has never been tried; but this I do know, that the existing government of this country never could have had existence but for the Bible. And further, I do in my conscience believe that if, at every decade of years, a copy of the Bible could be found in every family of the land, its republican institutions would be perpetual.—Wil. H. Seward.

A nice Christmas Gift: A Year's Subscription to the "Baptist".

St. Claire Bible Class

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M. B. Hutchinson,**Zaleski, Ohio****Parables of the Kingdom**

(Lesson for December 17)

Lesson: Matthew 13: 1-53. Printed Text: Matthew 13: 3-8, 31-33, 44-46.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live*" (Is. 55: 3).

A story is told of two Scotchmen who emigrated to California. They wanted to have in their new home some reminder of their homeland. One took with him a thistle, the national emblem. The other took a swarm of honeybees. Years passed by. Fields for a long distance are cursed with the thistle, which the farmers cannot get rid of. But the forests and fields are laden with the sweetness of honey. Little did those two men think of what would grow out of their selections, either for evil or for good! Indeed, we reap what we sow.

"Sowing the seed of a ling'ring pain,

Sowing the seed of a madden'd brain,

Sowing the seed of a tarnished name,

Sowing the seed of eternal shame:
Oh, what shall the harvest be?"

—W. B. K.

Every living person is either sowing good seed or tares. This also means that we are the soil of the first parable. As free, moral agents we must decide which we shall receive (Golden Text).

I. PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. In the parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 3-23), the fate of the Word is a mystery. There was nothing wrong with the Sower, nor with the Seed. The Seed was alive and powerful, and the work carefully and conscientiously done. And

yet there was a great difference in the result. The difference lay in the soil. At the time of sowing, no one could tell which grains would be fruitful, and which would not. Thus it is with the preaching of the Word. No man knows when and where it will be effective, but it is our duty to proclaim it, nevertheless, in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:1).—J. C. T.

However a religious experience is worthless unless it results in fruit-bearing. See John 15:1-8; Matthew 21: 18-20; Luke 13: 6-9.—M. H.

2. In the second parable, the tares represent the mystery of counterfeit in the Kingdom. They came in after the good seed was sown, and their sower was busy while men slept. In appearance, the tares could not easily be distinguished from the wheat, not until harvest. That speaks of counterfeit Christians, such as found their way into the church of Smyrna, representing the period of great persecution in

the history of the Church (Revelation 2: 9). A great separation will occur at the end of the present age. We may not always be able to tell who are true Christians, but the Lord can never be deceived.

3. In the third parable, that of the Mustard Seed, we have the mystery of the abnormal outward development of Christendom, which came when Christianity was made the state religion of the Roman Empire after the conversion of Constantine. It is described also by the condition of the church at Pergamos (Revelation 2:12-17).—J. C. T.

Trench states that the meaning of this parable is "to set forth the power of the Truth to develop itself from within, as the tree which, shut up within the seed, will unfold itself according to the law of its own being." The mighty development of the Kingdom of God on earth is now to a large extent a matter of history. When our Lord spoke this parable, it was prophecy.

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There is much truth in each of these two views. The Mustard Seed should have become an herb but not a tree.

First an herb, and then a tree. A similar picture of the Assyrian kingdom, a proud world kingdom, is found in Ezekiel 31:3-14. The Babylonian kingdom (Daniel 4: 10-19) is represented by the same figure.

4. Leaven is always used in the Bible as a type of evil (Matthew 16: 6-12; Mark 8:15). Leaven is the principle of corruption working subtly. The types in Scripture have a meaning fixed by inspired usage. Meal was used in one of the sweet-savor offerings and was the food of the priests (Leviticus 6: 15-17). The meaning of this parable of the leaven and the meal is that the true doctrines of Christianity (the meal, the food of the priests—1 Peter 2: 5) would be corrupted by false doctrine. Our Lord warned His disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Herodians (Matthew 16:6; Mark 8:15). And the disciples understood Him to mean to beware of the doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 16:12). History has justified our Lord's prediction. The leaven was never more widely disseminated than now. The true way of extending the Kingdom is by sowing seed openly, and not by hiding something as the woman hid the leaven in the meal.

5. The parable of the treasure hid in a field is generally interpreted to mean the price that one must pay for his salvation. The treasure is Christ, they say, and we are to give all for Him. But Christ is not for sale, the sinner has nothing to buy with. It's Christ that buys with the price of His blood on the Cross. The treasure is Israel; the field is the world. Christ by His blood has redeemed His people, and will yet restore them to their land (Deuteronomy 30: 9). The pearl of great price is the Church. And the Church, like Israel, was purchased by His Blood (Acts 20: 28). As it

is written: "Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word" (Ephesians 5: 25, 26).

The parables teach us that the Gospel should have a world-wide diffusion. It is not the lost sheep of the House of Israel that are to

be the special recipients of His grace; the field is the world (Matthew 13:38; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). This service is limited only by the faith, zeal and obedience of God's people. God's plan is world-wide. The method is to the Jew first and then to the Gentile. There are abundant opportunities for service to all who love the Lord.—R. C.

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The Lighthouse

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Far out from the shore, built on the rocks, and almost as strong as the rocks themselves, stood the lighthouse. It was like a tall, stone tower, and in the very top of it was a light. On all sides of the light were windows, and as soon as night came the light went flashing out across the water for many miles. Every night, week after week, month after month, year after year, the light shone.

So this stormy night, the windows were bright and clear, and even thru the foam and the mist the great light shone out clear and strong. Out on the ocean were many great ships, and if there had been no lighthouse to show them where they were, they would have been dashed against the rocks and broken to pieces. But the light shone on and on and the ships were safe.

There was a great and beautiful ship like a floating palace, it was so richly furnished with everything that any one could wish for. In it were people who were rich and happy and gay, and the light saved them from the rocks. Next came a ship with many poor people from Italy who were coming to this country to find a new home, and the light saved them from the rocks. There were other ships from other lands, and the light shone on and on for them all like a great star.

Sometimes we hear life called a voyage, like the voyage of a ship

across the ocean. The things that would harm us or make us do wrong like the rocks by the seashore. And just as the lighthouse keeps the ships from harm, so there are people who are always helping others to do right and to find the way to God and heaven. Their own goodness and kindness shine out like a light to help someone else.

Suppose that for today you and I try to be lighthouses. Our lights will show in the kind words we say and the kind things we do. If we feel cross and other folks are cross and it's hard to shine, we'll call it a stormy day, which will be the kind of day that needs our shining most.

"Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure, light.

Like a little candle burning in the night;

He looks down from heaven to see us shine,

You in your small corner and I in mine.

"Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;

Many kinds of darkness in this world abound—

Sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine—

You in your small corner and I in mine."

—The Sunbeam.

Matthew 5: 16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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A Correction

In last week's issue under the title "News from Sidney" page 8, 2 paragraph, the expression, "A Changeless World" should have read "A Changeless God in a Changing World." We regret this error occurred.—Editor.

Greetings to the Georgia and East Florida Leagues

(From the Officials of the State League Convention)

We trust for each one of you great blessings of the Heavenly Father in your life's work. Now during this Yule Tide season we are asking that you co-operate with the December drive for Superannuation, collecting funds for the old worn out ministers. Please see that your leagues carry out as far as is possible the plan of the National Board of Superannuation. Have your people to get together and give one cent for each year old you are, and one cent for each inch around the waist you are.

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Program

Program of the First Union Meeting of the Western Association to be held at Holly Springs Church, Johnston County, December 30, 1939.

10:00—Devotions, J. H. Worley
 10:15—Appointment of Committees
 10:30—Churches called
 11:00—Special music, to be supplied
 11:15—Sermon—W. R. Williams
 12:00—Lunch
 1:00—Devotions—T. Renfrow
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- 10:15—Enrollment
- 10:30—Report of Disabled Ministers
- 10:35—Report of Churches
- 11:15—Sermon by *Rev. C. B. Thompson*
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotional led by *Mrs. Jessie Hinson*
- 1:10—Report of Sunday School Board
- 1:20—Educational report
- 1:30—Spiritual singing and testimonials by *Rev. M. E. Godwin*
- 1:55—Petition for next union
- 2:00—Resolutions
- 2:15—Report of program Committee
- 2:20—Special music by local church
- 2:35—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 2:40—Miscellaneous
- 2:55—Closing exercises by *Rev. M. A. Warwick*

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Lathon Phillips,
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Prayer

We ought always to guard against selfishness in prayer. Instead of asking God to give to us everything and do for us everything, we find that our needs are met more readily when we lose ourselves in the interest of Christ's kingdom and other people. We cannot pray with power while selfishness is at the center of the prayer.

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tion. With your continued co-operation, we promise to strive to attain even greater achievements in the future. We also invite your constructive criticism and suggestions relative to this phase of our work.

Finally, we would lift our hearts in humble thanks to the guiding hand of our heavenly Father for the safety and security during these months spent in traveling to the various communities.

We shall look forward to the next season when we may present our class for your approval.

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PSALMS 88:13

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Sweet were the hymns in patriarchial days,
That, kneeling in the silence of his tent,
Or on some moonlit hill, the shepherd pour'd
Unto his heavenly Father. Strains survive
Erst chanted to the lyre of Israel,
More touching far than ever poet breathed
Amid the Grecian isles, or later times
Have heard in Albion, land of every lay.
Why therefore are ye silent, ye who know
The trance of adoration, and behold
Upon our bended knees the throne of Heaven,
And Him who sits thereon? Believe it or not,
That Poetry, in purer days the nurse,
Yea, parent oft of blissful piety,
Should silent keep from service of her God,
Nor with her summons, loud but silver-toned,
Startle the guilty dreamer from his sleep,
Bidding him gaze with rapture or with dread
On religions where the sky for ever lies
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A Letter from Kentucky

I am a reader of the Baptist and
look forward to getting it each
week. I enjoy the Notes and Quotes
by Brother Griffin and many of the
other columns.

I am a young minister of the Gop-
pel, only 19 years old, and except to
spend my life in the service of the
King. After graduating from high
school this year, I am, by the help
of the Lord, going to attend a Free
Will Baptist school. Pray for me
that the Lord will arrange some way
for me to do this.

Since I am the clerk of our con-
ference in this county (Letcher
County), I decided to send in our
last report so it would arouse more
interest in the members in this sec-
tion of the country toward our pa-
per.

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it is growing every year. We have
eight churches with a total member-
ship of 618. We have about 25 or-
dained ministers to take care of the
churches in our conference and also
assist in the work of the Johnson
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Memorial Service at Texas State Association

HELD WITH THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, DENISON, TEXAS

The Devotional was brought by Rev. J. C. Turrentine, Ft. Worth, Texas, from the following scriptures: Matthew 4: 19; 8:19; 16: 24; 5: 13 and 14.

In 1909 Rev. J. L. Bounds went into the evangelistic work as a singer of gospel songs. In 1910 he was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and in that same year, having received a call to pastor a church, was ordained into the ministry. On April 12, 1911, he took as his wife Miss Barbara Wright. This home has been blessed with three children; two boys and one girl. The oldest boy and girl have left their home; the girl being married and the boy away from home teaching school. The youngest boy is now at home attending a business college whereby he might prepare himself for a livelihood in this world.

THE MESSAGE BY REV. J. L. BOUNDS

We want to read just a few verses from God's word and I am sure that the reading of God's word will prove profitable to you. If you get nothing from what I say please get something from the Word of God. (Read Revelation 22:12-21).

(Prayer by Brother Bounds): "Our kind Heavenly Father we are so grateful tonight we can come and approach thee as our Father and our God and oh, God, as we come before thee on bended knees at this time in the humblest attitude that we have been taught we pray that thou wilt pour out thy spirit on this waiting congregation. Give to us a double portion of thy blessings. For if our hearts deceive us not, we love thee supremely to everything else in this world. Draw us closer to thee as the days go by. We are concerned about those who lifted their hands and said by that sign, 'We want to get just a little closer

to thee.' May they say, 'Oh, Lord, here is my life, take it and use it in any manner that you see fit.' We pray for these young people and oh, God, help them to make a great surrender to thee. Today we need men and women who are willing to sacrifice and lay their lives on the altar of Jesus Christ. We pray to give us some great missionaries that they may go out and show the plan of salvation to those who cannot hear the gospel Jesus preached. We pray a special blessing on this congregation. Father, bless these ministering brethren who have held up the blood-stained banner of the Emmanuel these many years. Help them that they may be ever in the way. Bless the pastor of this church that has handled this Association so well. We pray that his life will shine out and that by his ministry many precious souls will be born again. We pray thy blessings on those aged ministers who would have liked to be with us but who were unable to make the long journey. May their last days on this earth be their happiest ones. Lead by thy spirit in what shall be said and done. When life here is done may we enter into that kingdom. That beautiful home that Jesus has gone to prepare for us; these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

We have just been wondering what would be appropriate to preach from this evening. I like to try to preach in the keeping of the program of the day, whatever the case might be. We thought of the good message that Brother Tommie Smith brought the first evening of our assembling together, "Suffering for Jesus." Then following that message we had another great one, "What Jesus Prayed For". We find that He even prayed for us. He was concerned about us and about our work. Then we had the message

brought by Brother Davidson, "You Are the Salt of the Earth"; comparing the great saving power in salt with the great saving power demonstrated in our lives to those lost in the world. Then the other message brought by Brother Rodgers, "How Beautiful It would Be in the End." That is surely something to think about. Then I began to think that the appropriate message was "What the Lord Has Done For Us," but I immediately decided that was not quite the message for this association. Then I thought what would be more appropriate than the "Second Coming of Jesus Christ," because he is coming back some of these days and you and I as a judgment bound people; you and I who are on the way somewhere have got to give an account of our lives on this earth.

This evening let us think of Jesus if he should appear in this congregation just as he did when he came forth triumphant over death, hell and the grave. When He came forth from the grave the doubting Thomas did not believe when he saw Him. I wonder how many of us would be like that. How many of us would be ready to give Him a welcome? We should be getting ready to meet Jesus because the scriptures say he is coming again some of these days. The scriptures certainly include the second coming of Jesus Christ. He came to this old world the first time that he might sow the seed of the great Gospel and later he is coming that you and I might receive our great reward; that home that he told his disciples he was going to prepare. He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Isn't it wonderful that we can have that blessed assurance that he is coming

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EDITORIAL

Our Educational Program

By J. R. DAVIDSON,
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Ordering Sunday School Literature

The Sunday School literature for the first quarter of the new year is now being sold rapidly. Numbers of orders are coming in daily, and the demand is being filled as rapidly as possible. All shipments should reach the purchasers in due time before the holidays are over. We appreciate the fact that many are sending orders early to avoid the Christmas season rush in the mails. In view of this fact, we are urging all others to send in their orders right away, and let us send your shipments in time to reach you before January the first.

We would like to say that we have on hand at this writing plenty of the different quarterlies; as, Little Folks, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and the Advanced. Also we have the cards for the Beginners' classes. As long as these last, your orders will be filled and shipments mailed out to you in just a few hours. We urge, therefore, that you order right away so that you will be sure of having your literature in hand before the new year begins. We are very anxious to supply the desired literature for every Sunday School that will patronize our publishing house at Ayden, North Carolina. Should it become necessary; that is, if the supply should become exhausted, we are in a position to print additional amounts of literature to meet the needs, provided we receive sufficient calls to justify the second printing of any one or more of the quarterlies. We have had to do this heretofore for some of the quarterlies, and were glad to do so for the patronage of our Sunday Schools.

May we say also that we have on hand quite a number of Bibles, Christmas story booklets, plays, ca-

tatas, songs, and other books which make fine gifts for Christmas presents to loved ones. Send rush orders for any of these and they will be mailed to you by return mail. Our thanks and good wishes for all past patronage and favors are extended to all of our customers in the various states.

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Minutes Being Printed

The several minutes of the various associations, which have been sent to us for publication, are being printed now as fast as the force at the Press can turn out the work. Those who sent in theirs for us to print will receive them as soon as we can possibly get them out and in the mail. Some delay or extra time is required for some, as they had to be carefully checked and type-written before the type setters were able to begin setting them. This puts extra work on the office force at the Press, and necessitates more time than otherwise would be required if all manuscripts of the various minutes were carefully typed before the clerks, or secretaries of the associations sent them to us for publication. It would be more satisfactory for all if each clerk or secretary would have his manuscript carefully typed and checked before he released it to us for publication. It surely would be appreciated if the clerks would next year see to it that their minutes of their associations are typed in excellent style before submitting them for printing into the booklet form.



It is a consoling circumstance that when we look out, there is nothing that really hurts anybody. . . And from it we may conclude that all we want is time, patience, and a reliance on that God who has never forsaken this people.—A. Lincoln.

Inasmuch as there has been a sufficiency of time for reaction since my last article I am submitting another, including a financial statement.

Several have written in and sent checks and money orders, since I submitted my last report. We are making progress, though it be a slow process. Almost every day I look upon structures owned by small congregations in local communities, and am led to say, "If only our entire denomination could own such in which to operate a school how happy I would be." Yet I am made to most bow my head in shame, as I am compelled to say, the "interest has not developed to the point to justify the project." How it grieves my very soul when I face the situation as it is. So often I read reports of assemblies, and observe that every phase of our cause is considered except this great need. You may say, "He talks that way because of the fact that he is on the educational board" but I ask you to examine the records of the treasurers of all our National projects and see if you can not find evidence that I do not neglect them and give all my support to Christian Education. We also take the lead in all of our state and district projects. Brother ministers can you tell me why it is that you allow yourselves to dwell in the realm of satisfaction so far as our educational work is concerned, when this is about our weakest point from the human standpoint? Many of our best trained ministers have been content to remain dormant in this field, giving nothing themselves and refusing to take the matter up with their congregations; and if you have failed who have had the advantage of training I am talking about you. You might be surprised to know that many of our ministers who have had the least advantage educationally have been more zealous in

this work than many of our best trained men. I can see some reason for those who have had no training to feel that it is not so important, or even to be skeptical, but frankly I can see only one reason for you who have had an advantage to fail to do your best; and that is outright selfishness. Facing the situation as it is I feel constrained to join the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, who said, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." Brethren, and Sisters, let's arise and do this thing which we have so long talked of doing.

No, I am not discouraged, in fact I refuse to let the indifference of others discourage me. There are others who are just as earnest in this cause as I am, and we will win, Praise the Lord. A communication, with a donation, just came in from one of our youngest and best trained young men, and he says, "We must have the school or perish." I trust that these words of this young man will get hold of your heart, mind and purse. How long do you think we can exist with the present status educationally? Think! Think! and, then Think some more, and I am sure that I will hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Several reports of an encouraging nature are at hand: One from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, with a check for \$200.00. The report says that the two local associations are going to raise \$1000 before the next session of the National Association, the amount having been divided on a per capita basis. One of these associations has already gone beyond the half way mark in cash and pledges—mostly cash. Now that is the way to do things. I challenge you who have failed so far to follow the example of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee. Suppose you start right now.

Brother M. E. Tyson sends his monthly payment of \$5.00 on his twelve months pledge. Does that give you any idea what you might be

doing, Brother? Brother Tyson writes that the Central Conference of North Carolina has voted to put on a campaign early in 1940 to raise the equivalent to fifteen cents per member. Is that not an encouraging report? Should there be a question as to why they wait until then, we would say that it is because of their special campaigns for the orphanage. Well, when their campaign is over there should be approximately \$1,500.00 coming. I am wondering if the Lord is not going to put it in some of these brethren's hearts to give that much as individuals. Let's pray much about such gifts. God bless you and your folk, Brother Tyson.

Brother J. R. Bennett, one of our most enthusiastic board members, sends a payment on his pledge, and writes that the Eastern Association of North Carolina has voted to raise ten cents per capita there, and his brethren have made him manager of the campaign. He further says, "I am busy now lining things up." To know Brother Bennett and his people is to be able to say, "here comes another thousand dollars." Let's pray for this people in this association too, for the Lord has good men and women here who are able to give hundreds of dollars, individually.

A communication has just reached me from a representative of the State Meeting of South Carolina, in which there was a nice money order, and Sister M. J. Coker says, "This is for Christian Education, hoping it will be of some help." It surely helps in every way Sister.

Nice checks have come from several of the North Carolina Unions of late, mostly from the Western and Eastern Associations. I wonder why all of the Union and Quarterly Meetings over our territory do not use this method too. Will you take it up at your next one, Brother?

Dr. John H. Wolf of Pawnee City, Nebraska, who has conducted a correspondence school of the Bible for some fifty year, writes to express his faith in our educational program, and he expresses it with a

check too—that is the kind of faith that we are calling for. He says that he believes in our people to the end of success, and wishes to turn the correspondence work over to the institution when it is set in motion. Why can't all of us have faith in each other, that one thing would win this battle. Do you need a Butler-Dunn Theology? If so send your order to Brother Wolf at \$2.00 per copy, and that money will go for our school. He has given one hundred copies to be used in this way. Mention this plan with your order.

I am appealing to you again, my brethren, to write in and express yourself about this work. Could we touch the chord in every preacher's life that has been touched in the lives of those who have written in we would announce a guarantee of immediate success. You sit down and write right now.

I am submitting an itemized report for the State of Tennessee, and a total for other states which have responded. Note the fact that every dollar from Tennessee has come from only one association.

Cumberland Association	—\$302.20
District L. A. S., Cumberland Association	54.63
East Nashville Church	29.37
Ashland City Church	7.30
Bethlehem Church	10.15
Mt. Olivet Church	2.60
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, on pledge	5.00

Grand total for Tenn. —\$411.25

Alabama State	—\$ 19.25
Arkansas State	5.00
Florida State	19.00
Georgia State	115.16
Mississippi State	11.00
Missouri State	172.60
Nebraska State	8.00
New Mexico State	11.00
North Carolina State	526.61
Oklahoma State	80.16
South Carolina State	31.00
Texas State	540.75
National Association, offering	198.35
Western General Association, entire educational fund	105.54
Grand total cash sent in up to date, 12-5-39	\$2,254.67

Memorial Service at Texas Association of Free Will Baptists, Denison, Texas

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again. How wonderful it is to tell the message of that Wonderful Saviour. When he came here, oh, beloved, words could not express how wonderful he was both human and divine. Prophecy declared his coming into the world some 750 years before he came. The prophets said he would come and he came just as they said that he would. How wonderful it was when he was here demonstrating his life before men and women both in power and by miracles. He unstopped the ears of those who could not hear and opened the eyes of those who could not see.

But he was carried to Golgotha and there nailed on the cross suspended between two thieves. But even then he looked on the scene and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." He was taken down and placed in Joseph's tomb. Guards were placed around him for safe keeping because he had stated that he would come forth. How wonderful it is that the Jews even acknowledged him coming forth. "What do you mean to say that the Jews acknowledged Jesus coming forth?" Sure, I say they did. I was talking to a Jew who is a business man in our city and he said, "We cannot believe and see just like you do, but my son has been listening to the different messages over the radio and he has almost been persuaded to believe that it was Jesus who came forth." They surely acknowledged his coming forth because they came to the disciples and asked them to say that they came by night and took Jesus away. They knew that he arose from that tomb. Then how wonderful it was that Jesus was among the children of men for a period of forty days and then again how wonderful it was upon that day that he ascended back to the Father from whence He came. The people stood

and gazed at Him ascending up into the Heavens.

This same Jesus shall come again in like manner. Beloved, Jesus is coming again some of these days. I wouldn't be surprised just any time now to see him coming back. We had better be prepared when that great day comes. Some are say-over and over again." But that is a story that is very true. When I was about four years of age, I remember sitting on a front bench listening to a minister preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and pointing his finger right straight at me he said, "I wouldn't be surprised if some of these little boys sitting on this bench are not living when Jesus comes." And I have been looking for him ever since.

Just as surely as he ascended up to the throne of God he is coming back again. It was stated by the apostles of old that he was coming again. Without His second coming into this world this Gospel Dispensation would not be complete. There is coming a day that you and I will meet with him. I want you to notice what this passage of scripture says. "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also." Did you get the words? He says he will come again. I want to say, beloved, that there is coming a time when we are going to stand in the presence of our Blessed Lord who will now save us and redeem us from sin if we will only let him."

Then again I want you to notice that he is not coming alone. The scripture says, "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

So then the purpose of his coming back into this world is to gather together his children. According to the Bible, there is going to be a scattering to and fro of the people.

There are going to be two at the mill; one will be taken and the other left. Two will be on the field; one will be taken and the other left. There is going to be a great separation not only with the children of men but there is going to be husbands and wives separated, mothers will be separated from their children. There is going to be a great separation but thanks be unto God that if we live in accordance with his will and teachings and keep his commandments we can have a right to the Tree of Life. I want a right to the Tree of Life, don't you? Jesus has made that possible.

Jesus is coming again to raise the dead. We have had a number of people whose privilege it was to be with us one year ago in our great association but now have gone on to their great reward. Some of these I was personally acquainted and closely associated with. Beloved, when you can sit around the bedside at night with one who knows that he has only a few more days to be here on this earth and hear him say, "I know there is a place awaiting me on the other side with Jesus. I am ready to go and be with him forever more" sure we could not help but believe those words. And this surely should draw us closer unto Jesus. We had an experience of that kind at home. Also we had a dear lady that was taken very suddenly from our midst in a car wreck and I know the life of that woman and I know now that she is at the right hand of God. Jesus is coming to raise the dead, for the Bible says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: the dead in Christ shall rise first." Thank God for those that die in Christ for they shall rise first.

Then again he is coming to translate the living. He is coming after those who are living on the face of this old earth.

I had an old gray-haired aunt and I so many times have heard her say,

"I would like to be living when my Lord comes and be translated into the Kingdom of God." But she didn't carry out her desire. She has gone now. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. What a wonderful privilege for his children that they will ever be with the Lord.

He says that we will be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye. How will that be? Beloved, I read in my Bible where he says that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. There is nothing impossible with God, beloved. God can change us in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. I know that it will be well with us because God created man and breathed into his nostrils and he became a living human, he said, "It is good and very good." It was good and very good.

Then again Jesus is coming to judge the world. Oh, beloved, for those of you who could not hold up your hands when Brother Turrentine asked for those who were on the way, the happy way, the straight and narrow way; this shall be your denunciation unless you change, "Depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." How awful that will be. But we have those who know not the Lord and those that have failed him.

There is going to come that final separation. God is going to divide the people when this day of judgment comes. He will say unto the righteous, "Come, you blessed and inherit the kingdom that I have been preparing for you"; then to those that are unprepared he will say, "You got on the left hand side." Yes, it is going to be a sad day for some but it is coming.

Many times we see homes broken up here. We see many that don't get along with their companions and separate. Then after awhile maybe they will reconsider and say that they were foolish and will try to live

together again. But when that great time comes there will be no more coming back together and be reconciled for mercy's day will have passed you by. Let us now make preparation to meet our Lord.

He is coming to fetch his people. Then we will be eternally with him in that other glorious world. I want to be saved when I come to the end of life. I want to be like David of old. David had a little child sick unto death. David prayed for seven days and fasted and called unto God for that child but God said to David that there must be a penalty paid. After a while David noticed the servants whispering to each other. He asked, "Is he dead?" "Yes, he has been taken from you." David bowed his face down and said, "Thank God, I cannot call him back but I can arise and go to where he is." I want to live a life so that I will have that assurance of meeting those loved ones in the great beyond. The kingdom was prepared for us from the beginning of the world and Jesus will come to restore unto us and then it will be that these bodies will be made like unto the Blessed Lord unto a glorified state. Thank God for one that is able to do this.

Then again he is coming to reign forever and forever. Did you ever think of that and just what it means to us? I want to reign with Him when he comes. Let us be like John in Revelation when he says, "Even so come Lord Jesus." Would you be ready if he came tonight? We want to plead with you in the name of our Blessed Redeemer for you to come and take him as your personal Saviour.

I remember back home one time of a group of boys preparing to attend a singing. One of the mother's went to her son and said, "Son, I don't want you to go to the singing. I want you to stay here and make preparation to meet your God." That boy stayed with his mother and made preparation. Later that evening one of the horses ran over that boy and his life was snuffed out but I believe that boy prepared to

meet his God because before his death he said, "Mother, I am going to be baptized into the church and serve my Master the best that I know how." Would it be well with your soul now if your life was instantly taken from you? Don't you want to accept Jesus as your Saviour? Won't you come to him now while we sing some good old song?

Program

Program of the quarterly meeting of Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee when convened with Heads Church, Saturday, December 30, 1939.

- 10:00—Devotions, *Rev. E. A. Craft*
- 10:15—Moderator takes charge—
Roll call and reading of minutes of last meeting
- 10:30—Reading of Church letters
- 10:45—Discussion of quarterly meeting work led by moderator
- 11:00—Report of Women's Auxiliary Convention by: *Mrs. H. W. Christian, PRES.*
- 11:20—Report of Sunday School Convention by: *W. E. Coville, PRES.*
- 11:40—Report of League Convention by: *Mr. John Oliver, PRES.*
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotions, *Rev. Hazy Gower*
- 1:15—Reports of Associational Board Chairmen:
 - 1. Foreign Missions, *Rev. I. J. Blackwelder*
 - 2. Orphanage, *Mrs. Fannie Polston*
 - 3. Education, *Miss Allene Reed*
 - 4. Home Missions, *Mrs. J. W. Maxey*
- 2:00—Report of Chairman of Executive Committee
- 2:10—Report of Treasurer
- 2:15—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:45—Election of Officers
- 2:55—Place and date of next meeting
- 3:00—Adjournment

"Ye Do Err, Not Knowing the Scriptures"

(MATTHEW 22: 29)

*By Clinton Lupton,
Bayboro, N. C.*

"Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow." (Isaiah 50: 11).

To our young peope of today, may I say that it is my sincere desire for you to read this brief message, and may the text be engrossed upon your hearts. The neglect of God's word among this younger generation is shocking, this is not to be taken lightly, because they are to be the leaders of the future, which is however important; but when we realize their lives are so influenced when the influence of God's word is not in the heart, there are other influences that take the place, which is of course, that of the natural man. It is the tendency of man to have his own personal opinion concerning most every problem that arises regardless how important. The Bible being no exception. However we must remember that man's opinions can not resist the firey darts of Satan, only the armor supplied by the constant communion with God, and the knowledge of His Word, through which His precious promises are to be learned, will suffice.

The person that is not familiar with Bible doctrine, holds his opinions or ideas of spiritual things as great as he does the teachings of Biblical scholars who have spent a large portion of their lives searching the scriptures. The man that boasts of his own opinions and insists on their correctness, does so because they coincide with his mode and manner of living. Such people are kindling a fire, to live by, in contrast to living the Godly life, taught by the Bible. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth

me shall not walk in darkness." He has given us the example of His wonderful life as the true light. And if Jesus is accepted and this light is followed, we shall not walk in darkness, but will be directed just as the children of Israel were by the pillow of bright cloud in the wilderness. This bright cloud directed them in the paths that they should journey, also when they should go forward or forbear. Let us for a moment imagine those Israelites not heeding the existence of this bright cloud and in their own feeble way providing themselves with torches as light and wandering about as they thought best. Why, it would be unreasonable to suppose that God would have provided for them so tenderly, but would have said, "This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow."

If the younger class were familiar with the teachings and life of our Lord, they would not live in contrast to the godly. And in times of darkness they would flee to God for refuge, who will provide light for us. Instead of trusting in their own opinions and ideas in which they kindle a fire for themselves by the attitude of, "Let's get away from the whole thing," as they express it. How dangerous the sparks of the fires they kindle, such as intoxicating drinks, wild parties, filthy amusements, etc. "Rejoice O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

And you, young and old, that walk in the light of your fire—the opinions and ideas you have established—they are only human devices for salvation and not the salvation provided by God through His Son Jesus Christ the light of the world. Human devices for salvation are like the sparks that go out in an instant, leaving one in utter darkness. Job said, "How oft is the candle of the wicked put out, and how oft cometh their destruction upon them." If we will familiarize our-

selves with the teachings of the Bible, apply them to our lives, and cast aside our own opinions, and ask wisdom of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; then we can say with the Psalmist, "For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."

Some times the sparks from the fire, that man kindles are instantaneously fascinating, but remember sparks extinguish in a moment, leaving man utterly helpless in the dark, and God will say, "This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow."

Such was the case of the descendants of Noah. They, notwithstanding the Divine command to replenish the earth, were unwilling to separate. If they had been more pious and familiar with God's judgments, they probably would not have been so determined to please themselves by occupying the fairest region they came to. Truly they wanted to make a name for themselves on the earth, but by worldly means, not spiritual. The city and tower were great to behold in their eyes, the sparks from the fire they had kindled were fascinating, but alas how quickly extinguished. "The Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth." To attempt to set aside God's plan of salvation and establish our own is foolish, wicked and justly offensive to God.

Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, (substituting your theories and opinions for the teachings of God's word), that compass yourselves about with sparks (or that live in the glory of your personal opinions and ideas), walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled, (not God's command but continue if you wish). This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow, and entertain these thoughts: "We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God."

Rev. W. B. Everett Proud- est Man in Town, Pres- ented Suit of Clothes

"The proudest man in New Bern last week was Rev. W. B. Everett, pastor of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church. His friends made him a present of a brand new suit of clothes.

"Preacher", as he is affectionately known, has scores of very close friends who recognize the good work that he does not only within but also outside his congregation.

"His rare appreciation of human frailties as well as his ability to find and uncover virtue in many persons has been recognized by his friends for years, and they decided to express materially their high regard for him. Last week they made up a 'pot' and bought the popular minister a suit of clothes which was presented to him last week.

"I certainly appreciate it," Mr. Everett said, "I don't know what else to say."—B. A.

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News from New Bern Church

The above clipping taken from one of our local papers a few days ago, in some degree, give our readers an idea of how our pastor, Rev. W. B. Everett, is beloved by the people of New Bern, those who really appreciate the splendid efforts he is putting forth for the promotion of Christ's kingdom and for the betterment of humanity, especially those who are under-privileged and unfortunate. Mr. Everett is living a very strenuous life in behalf of the program of his church, together with so many general interests of the City at large. He has just entered upon the fifth year of his present pastorate and the church is in a very promising condition.

During the four years he has been here, five Sunday School rooms have been added to the church auditorium, the Sunday school, under the splendid supervision of its superintendent, Brother U. W. Daugherty, having grown to more than

two hundred and fifty in membership and interest is unabating in all the other auxiliary work of the church. Several months ago, a valuable piece of property next to the Church and extending to Pollock Street on the south, was purchased by our church, largely through the efforts of the pastor, whose vision of the needs of future generations was really inspiring. *Wonderful*, is the expression that comes to us when we think that many, many years ago, it is said that this property was owned by the Free Will Baptist denomination, but because of some unknown handicaps it was never used in denominational development. It was therefore sold and a dwelling erected on the corner of Fleet and Pollock Streets, known as the old Louisanna house. This building is more than a hundred years old and is prized by the citizenry of New Bern, as one of its land-marks.

Since the property has come back into our hands, the building has been renovated, repaired, papered and painted and a few days ago the pastor and his good wife moved in. We were fortunate in selling our former parsonage and we feel we have been extremely fortunate in all of our efforts to enlarge our capacity for service by being placed under such a debt of gratitude to our heavenly Father for having led our pastor and his co-workers toward such an undertaking. We do not want our friends to catch the idea that we are on "easy street", as we sometimes say, for we know that success, or victory, must come in the name of the Lord and through His guidance. We know that when we surrender our *all* to Him and submit ourselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, in deed and in truth, that no undertaking is too great or too strenuous, regardless of handicaps, for He has said "And lo, I am with thee always even unto the end of the world." No matter how hard we may strive, nor how great the sacrifice, if He is leading, we know that He will give the victory. We feel profoundly grateful for the many wonderful blessings

that have come to us during the past year, as well as for all the Lord has done for us all down the years, but we do feel that this present undertaking has come through inspiration and vision. The wise man said long, long ago that "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18). "We walk by faith and not by sight", another writer has told us, (2 Corinthians 5:7). We doubtless, shall be confronted with many discouraging things in our efforts to accomplish worth-while goals in the name of the Master, but we can pray the Father, who knows our every need has promised to "supply them according to His riches in Glory."

We need the prayers of Christians everywhere, for we are told to "pray one for another", and we believe that all true, consecrated children of God are interested beyond expression, in the progress of the kingdom work of our Lord, regardless of location, so we humbly ask an interest in your prayers that our pastor and his people may prove faithful to the task and that they may never lose sight of the fact that our God is able to bear us up at all times, put new faith in our hearts and greater determination in our minds to go forward in His Name.

Alice E. Lupton

SELECTED THOUGHTS FROM JOHN RANDOLPH

Take comfort from what is left to you, rather than dwell upon what you have lost. . . . It is the office of friendship to accommodate itself to mutual and incurable infirmities. . . . Life was not given us to be spent in dreams and reverie, but for active, useful exertion—exertion that turns to some account to ourselves or to others. . . . He who contentedly eats the bread of idleness and dependence is beneath contempt. . . . God's will be done! This is better reliance than submission to the power of destiny.—*Brilliant Thoughts for Men.*

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ROSE BOWEN, *President*

National Auxiliary Convention,

2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

The Anna Phillips Loan Fund

In the fall of 1936 I entered Atlantic Christian College as a freshman. I saw no possible way of going to college four years, but with the help of God, my family and the kindness of the administration I managed to finish the first year. I started back to school the second year with the hope that something might happen to enable me to complete it. At the end of the first semester I was in great need of money.

The college administration has been very nice to me, but I felt that they were unable to allow me to continue without paying some money. I asked the advice of my pastor, Rev. James A. Evans, as to what I should do. He suggested that I apply for a loan from the Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund. I placed my application before the committee. Thanks to Brother Evans, and to my friends who helped me, and to the Educational Loan Fund Committee. I was able to get the loan. No one will ever know how much this loan helped me. I was able to complete my second year in college. Since that year I have managed to work enough, and with help from my friends and the college to reach my senior year.

I only need nine semester hours of work to graduate. By the end of this school year I shall have my degree, and for this I must thank all of those who have helped me: God, my friends and my family, the college and the Free Will Baptist denomination.

I wish to publically express my gratitude to all those who have helped me. To the people who made the

Anna Phillips Loan possible, I wish to say thanks and that I could not have continued had it not been for your help. I feel that everyone who has contributed to this Fund has contributed to a worthy cause. Not only has it helped me, but others, and it will continue to help those who are not able to attend an institution of higher learning. To me this is one of the greatest needs in our denomi-

Notice to Auxiliary Societies

Early in the fall we sold out our *Hand Books*. Several orders have come in since that we cannot fill, at present. New plates will be to make before we can print more. We will do this as early as possible. In the meantime we will gladly refund money on orders received upon request. Or we will fill the orders as soon as we can get out a new edition.

Very truly,

Free Will Baptist Press.

nation, more people with a better education. Next year with the help of God, I will continue on with life's long road in, what I hope, some gainful and respectable vocation. All I can say is that I hope I may in some way return the kindness shown to me by the friends in my denomination, and all the others who have helped me.

Once again thanks to the Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund, and the Free Will Baptist denomination. May they grow and prosper in my prayer.

Very sincerely ours,

Chester E. Johnson

Friendship Aid Report

The Aid held its regular meeting on November 12, 1939, at the home of Mrs. Bettie Thompson. The meeting was called to order by the president, and a very interesting program was rendered. After this the regular business was transacted with twenty-six members present, five members absent and one new member and one visitor.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: 509 chapters read in the Bible; 60 sick visits made; 7 trays given to the sick; 21 flowers given to the sick; 54 quarts of milk given away; 7 1-2 pounds of butter given to the needy; and 6 convalescent cards sent.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. B. B. Richardson on December 10, 1939. After the meeting adjourned the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Wilber Lewis, *Secretary*

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Free Will Baptists in North Carolina—The Central Conference was organized in the year of 1748—thus it is one hundred and ninety-one years old. It is said that we were called "Free-Willers" in the section of Flat Swamp and Coneto in Pitt County, by an opposing religious sect, the name being given away in the way of reproach. However, because we preached Free Salvation for all who would believe in Jesus Christ the name was given. Later it was accepted and adopted.

In 1727 Paul Palmer organized a church in Perquimans County. Dr. T. E. Peden, who departed this life several years ago, after years of usefulness and great service in the old Theological Seminary at Ayden, said that the name of the church was "Shiloh." This church was later taken over by the Calvinistic Baptists. But it was organized on the "Free Will Plan" according to our information. By the year of 1742 there were sixteen churches in east-

ern North Carolina. Three of these early churches are going for the Lord today; namely, Gum Swamp, in Pitt County, and Little Creek, and Grimsley, in Greene County.

The doctrine as preached by the Free Will Baptist today was preached as early as 1690, according to North Carolina history. This was about thirty-seven years before Paul Palmer organized the church in Perquimans county, and about ninety years before Benjamin Randall organized the church in New Durham.

Christmas—The name Christmas came from the name Christ. It is claimed as the "Birth-Day of the Lord Jesus Christ." The name is sweet to every true child of God. But the day that is called "Christmas" has been so observed that the drunkard, the big time sinful character, the Jew and the pagan, all join in and make it a day of sinful indulgences and blasphemy. Many who call themselves "Christians" disgracefully observe the day. Many engage in Christmas plays—in form—but minus the Christ Spirit. To me, it is a day that should be honored, if kept at all. Christ never said "observe His birth" but He did tell us to observe His death. "This do in remembrance of me." But if we are going to observe a day and call it "Christmas" we certainly should do those things that are righteous, holy and good. We should go about "doing good" as He did when here on earth.

The Budget System — The Free Will Baptist church nationally, and in the State Association, the District Associations, and down to the local church, are putting on so many "Five cent, Ten cent, and Fifty cent drives" for National Education, State Education, orphanages, and Superannuation and other things that we cannot get out of one drive without being into another—actually—the various auxiliaries of the church proper—overlap in many drives—to the extent that we have reached the conclusion—that every

drive for funds—should be lumped together—except the local church, for repairs, and miscellaneous use, and given to each church and distributed on the percentage basis according to the needs of each department. This arrangement could be worked out by a committee selected by the National Association and handed down to each State and district association and then given in turn to each church which amount could be added by the pastor's salary and other local needs. Of course we cannot make a Free Will Baptist raise any amount—nor do anything else, but we can educate to a co-operation—then raise the amount for the glory of God and the church.

Sanctification — "Have you been sanctified, Preacher?" This question reached us some time ago. "Yes, ever since I believed," was my reply. "You don't mean to say that you were sanctified when you believed?" "Yes, that is exactly what I mean." Why not since Jesus prayed for it to be. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through thy word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us" (John 17: 17-21). If ye believe in Christ, sanctification is right there for you. Why not take Him at His word? Why pray and agonize and beg God to sanctify you, when Christ did all the praying that is necessary, *if you will only believe*. When I found out this truth, I laughed out loud. Every blessing for time and eternity is enveloped in the New Birth. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:

30). Every believer is a member of the Body of Christ. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12: 13). When we get into Christ we are baptized into Him. Then His prayer in John 17 is answered. Praise the Lord.

News from Waco, Texas

I should like to let the readers of the Baptist hear from the First Free Will Baptist church in Waco, Texas. Rev. E. C. Morris organized the church about seven years ago with twenty-two members. He served as pastor a little over one year.

Since then Rev. J. L. Bounds has been our pastor. Brother Morris and wife, and Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes of Lucama, North Carolina, visited us last summer, and held a revival meeting for us. Brother Morris brought us some very spiritual messages in the meeting, and we certainly did appreciate the wonderful sermons. We also greatly appreciated the messages in song brought by Mrs. Barnes. We hope to have them again sometime in the near future. We have now about 140 members on the roll, and about 80 enrolled in the Sunday School. We have also a very good Senior and Junior league in our church. Brother Bounds has been very faithful and loyal, and has done good work. He has done his best to help carry on the cause of Christ. We believe that he is a God sent man of the Gospel.

We are asking the prayers of all Christian people to pray that we may grow at this place, and that our cause may prosper. We are hoping also that we may soon be able to lift the debt off our church and parsonage. Let us all pray for one another that our great cause may prosper. We hope more will subscribe for the Free Will Baptist paper.

Yours for the cause of Christ.

J. M. Knight,
1308 Bagley Avenue,
Waco, Texas

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,**Zaleski, Ohio****The Child and the Kingdom**

(Lesson for December 24)

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-14; 19:13-15.

Golden Text: "A little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11: 6).

This lesson centers round the child and illustrates the truth of the Golden Text, "A little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11: 6). The Holy Child, Jesus, was born that He might lead "our feet into the way of Peace" (Luke 1: 79). He came into the world for a specific purpose (1 Timothy 1:15). Through His death, the believing soul finds peace and can face death unafraid. *Christ leads those who trust Him into the way of life and liberty.* He uses the little child (Matthew 18:2) to lead us into the secret of true greatness vs. 4), to show the spiritual quality required of those who would enter the Kingdom (vs. 3; 19:14). We must become as humble, trustful, dependent as the little child, if we would be saved. The more humble we are in spirit, the more will God use and exalt us.—*Hedley.*

What a bundle of infinite possibilities is wrapped up in the infant! In a remote district of Wales a baby boy lay dangerously ill. The widowed mother walked five miles in the night through drenching rain to get a doctor. The doctor hesitated about making the unpleasant trip. Would it pay? He questioned. He would receive no money for his services, and, besides, if the child's life was saved, he would no doubt become only a poor laborer. But love for humanity and professional duty conquered, and the little life was saved. Years after this same child—David Lloyd George—became England's World War Premier and

leader, the doctor said, "I never dreamed that in saving the life of that child on the farm hearth I was saving the life of the leader of England!"

Read Exodus 2: 1-10.—*Knight.***I. PRACTICAL LESSONS**

1. The very word Saviour infers that there is some one who is lost and needs to be saved. Physicians reminds us of sickness. Undertakers remind us of death. Lawyers remind us of criminals. And so like wise a Saviour reminds us of being lost.

The whole human race is lost and, therefore needs a Saviour. In the third chapter of Romans the Apostle shows that the world, Jews and Gentiles alike, are sinners and guilty before a holy God (vss. 10-23). Note especially vss. 19 and 23. To be a sinner and guilty in the sight of God, is to be lost, as God looks upon it.

From their own standpoint those

who are lost do not think that they are lost. This is an important point. God's ways are not man's ways, nor His thoughts man's thoughts (Is. 55:8, 9).—*W. S. H.*

2. The circumstances and events surrounding the birth of the Lord Jesus were different from that of any other individual coming into this world: Jesus' birth was a prophesied birth (Isaiah 9:6, 7). His very gender was foretold: "Unto us a Son is given" (Isaiah 9:6). That He would be virgin-born, was also foretold: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7: 14). The very place of His birth was foretold (Micah 5:2). Truly, none other was ever born as was the Lord Jesus!

"O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend on us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in;

Be born in us to-day!"

Read Matthew 1: 18-25.

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3. How Jesus loved the little children! How the little children loved Jesus! There was something about Jesus that made the little children comfortable and happy in His presence. The Lord's symbol of greatness was the little child. In our day, the little ones are too often unwanted. "Apartments to let—No Children!" At the very midst of all that's worthwhile, Jesus placed the little child. Let us make room for the little children. Let us be the right example before them. Let us sever our arms sooner than we would offend one of the "little ones" which believe in Jesus.

Read Matthew 18:1-6.

4. A little girl learned the verse, "Suffer the little children to come unto me", to repeat at a meeting. She stood on a platform and began. "Suffer—" It was her first attempt at speaking in public. She was frightened, and stopped for a moment, and then she began again. "Suffer little"—again her fear overcame her. But being a determined little one, she made a third attempt and said, "Suffer little children." With a last grand effort, she said, not exactly the verse, but these words: "Jesus wants us all to come to him; and don't anybody try to stop us!"

Read Matthew 19:13-15.

5. Our Senior Quarterly contains much valuable information on this lesson. The Advanced Quarterly is a fine Christmas gift to Young People and Adults. We wish all a joyous Christmas.

Lest We Forget

By I. J. BLACKWELDER,
1115 E. Douglas Ave.,
Nashville, Tennessee

Burdened with the many extra obligations and responsibilities of the approaching Christmas season, and flooded with calls from the various phases of our denominational work and from charity, it is easy for us to forget something, and that something may be one of the most de-

serving and needy causes of all. Of course, we don't mean to forget, but it is difficult to remember everything, especially when our means are scarce and the calls are many.

Therefore, *lest we forget*, the "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" phase of our work during the Christmas season, this reminder comes to us. If we forget our missionary program, our work will lag, our missionaries will suffer, and lost souls will be hurled into eternity without Christ. Yes, that there is salvation in no other than Christ, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," is as true as the infallible Word of God. And it is because we believe the Bible that we are giving of our means to send the Gospel to those who have neither Christmas nor Christ.

We are responsible for the support of our missionaries, namely, Miss Laura Belle Barnard in India, Miss Bessie Yeley in South America, and Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wiley, who are now in the States, but who hope to return to Panama the first of next year. Thus we have been able to pay each allowance promptly, but just now, as has been the case during the Christmas season before, missionary funds are limited. In fact, the national treasurer does not have enough money on hand to meet the needs of our missionaries another month.

Have we forgotten our missionary program, our missionaries who are on the fields of service, and therefore our financial obligations and responsibilities for this great work? Have we forgotten the missionary budget which was recommended by the National Foreign Mission Board, and which was adopted by the National Association last July?

Most certainly we have not forgotten these things, but some of us have probably been a bit careless or negligent about these obligations. Some states have responded beautifully since the National Association last July, while others have

made no contribution to the National Foreign Mission Treasury during this period. But recently the receipts for this work have been very small, and as a consequence the treasury is low.

Lest we forget, may we be reminded again that our foreign mission work is a national denominational work, that the responsibilities of this great work rest upon us, that we have four missionaries who are looking to the national treasurer for their allowances, and that the treasurer cannot pay the missionary allowances unless you send in the necessary funds.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24: 14).

Announcement

On December 16th (Saturday of this week) the King's Cross Roads church of Pitt County will have a *Harvest Day Sale* on the church yard at two o'clock P. M. Saturday will be our regular quarterly conference. The program will be as follows: Sermon at eleven o'clock, lunch at twelve o'clock, conference at one o'clock, and the sale at two o'clock. All friends of the church are urged to be present.

Every friend and member of the church is asked to bring something from his farm and contribute it to the church to be sold to the highest bidder. If you are in need of some farm produce, come prepared to bid against the buyers. You people who live in town, this is a chance for you to get your groceries fresh from the farm.

King's Cross Roads Church

Notice

I wish to state that my address is no longer Seven Springs North Carolina, but instead it is now Goldsboro North Carolina, Route 3.

Rev. M. L. Johnson

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

TRIPP. On the 9th day of July, 1939 our beloved father and husband, Noah Tripp, went to rest with Jesus on high, after a long illness of eight weeks.

He was born on April 19, 1876 and died July 9, 1939 making his stay on earth 63 years, 4 months and 20 days.

He united with Reedy Branch Church when he was a boy and was a faithful member as long as his health would permit. He was loved by all that knew him. We mourn not as those that have no hope. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, five children, one boy and four girls and nine grand children.

"He's gone to be with Jesus,
And we know he is at rest;
We all loved him dearly
But Jesus loved him best.

Sad was the hour of that unhappy day
Jesus knew best, so he took him away,
We must prepare to meet him in that home
Up there with Jesus where we'll never
more roam."

Robert,
Ida,
Bessie Tripp

ETHERIDGE. On October 22, 1939 the Lord took from us our dear Uncle W. F. Etheridge. He was sick for a number of years with tuberculosis. He was born July 18, 1894. He was a good friend and neighbor, and a faithful member of the church.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, two sisters, one brother, nine children, and a number of relatives.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. Thompson. Uncle Walter was a soldier in the World War. He was respected at the home and also at the grave by the American Legion members. He was laid to rest in the graveyard at the Sound Side Free Will Baptist church under a mound of beautiful flowers.

Uncle Walter, we miss you
Since you have gone away;
But we are hoping to meet you
In that happy home some day

Written by his niece,
Alethia Etheridge

IN MEMORIAM

This is in memory of our two cousins who departed this life on November 17, 1939, in the Inland Water-Way accident.

Friends and loved ones dear,
If it 'twas God's will they should part;
May His promised Words of love
Still our broken and aching hearts.

Now that Charlie and Elijah are with Him,
Who has called their spirits Home;
And given them a crown of Glory
That with Thy angels they shall meet.

Though our hearts are sad and lonely
As we view their empty seats;
May God in His own time call us
That We with them shall meet.

Then there'll be a happy union,
As we walk the golden street;
With our loved ones we shall be,
For our joys will be complete.

Written by two cousins,
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mason,
Stacy, N. C.

***** REMEMBERING

My dear sister, one year ago today you left us,
But the veil that is between us, is so thin,
I can almost see your smiling face,
And we loved you so dearly.

Sometimes,
The thought of you,
Is like a high wind,
Blowing,
Beating at my heart,
Like a wild sea,
Running,
Then sometimes,
Like a soft, sweet April,
Rain.

Comforting,
Smoothing away my pain,
But when I hear the music,
Of one well-loved old refrain,
All of my longing to see your face,
Comes crowding back again.
A loving thought a silent tear,
A beautiful memory of one so dear.

Sister,
Mamie Toler

Let us be diverted by none of those sophistical contrivances,—contrivances such as groping for some middle ground between the right and the wrong,—vain as the search for a man who should be neither a living man nor a dead man.
—Abraham Lincoln.

Union Report

The Fifth Eastern union convened with Antioch Church, Craven County, Saturday, October 28, 1939. It was opened by song and prayer service led by Rev. J. R. Bennett. After the reading of the minutes the union was organized as follows: Reading clerk, Mrs. Lula Herring; Devotional Committee, Rev. J. R. Bennett, J. W. Rawls, and S. L. Silverthorn; Finance Committee Rev. H. C. Wood, H. A. Richardson, and J. M. Tindall.

Revs. J. W. Alford, J. R. Forrest were visiting ministers, and were made welcome by the moderator. The devotional committee gave the following report: Rev. W. B. Everett to open service and Rev. J. W. Alford to preach today at eleven o'clock. Tonight Rev. J. R. Forrest to open and Rev. N. D. Wiggs to preach, and tomorrow Rev. M. C. Prescott to open and Rev. Duffy Toler to preach at eleven o'clock.

After calling the list of churches, Rev. J. W. Alford brought the message which was an inspiration to all present. At this time the concert class manager made a few remarks and a special offering was taken for the class which amounted to \$20.50. At this time dinner was spread on the grounds by the ladies.

After the noon hour was over, the union again reassembled for business after a song and prayer service. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. L. H. Wetherington, re-elected; Clerk and Treasurer, Rom W. Mallard, re-elected; Investigating Committee, M. C. Prescott, Duffy Toler, and Ralph Spruill.

The disbursements were as follows: The Orphanage, \$25; National School Fund, \$25; Reunion Chapel, \$8; New Bern Church, \$12; W. W. Lupton, \$5; L. C. Garner, \$5, and to the clerk, \$5.

After a rising vote of thanks was extended to this church and community for the kind hospitality shown to this union, the union adjourned to meet with Spring Hope

Church, Craven County, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1939.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington,
Moderator,
Rom Mallard, Clerk

Orphanage Concert Class Report

Nineteenth Week

Friendship, Johnston Co.	\$17.47
Branch's Chap., Johnston Co.	24.15
Johnson Un. Johnston, Co.	25.03
St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County	31.21
Hopewell, Johnston County ..	21.15
Total	\$119.01

Twentieth Week

White Oak Hill, Nash Co.	\$12.08
New Sandy Hill, Wilson Co.	5.00
Mt. Zion, Nash County	20.02
Marsh Swamp, Wilson Co.	15.65
Powhatan, Johnston Co.	26.31
Bethel, Johnston Co.	12.92
Wilson, Wilson Co.	12.69
Total	\$104.67

Twenty-First Week

Holly Spring, Johnston Co.	\$16.61
Kenly, Johnston Co.	35.19
Piney Grove, Johnston Co.	10.52
Piney Grove L. A. S.	5.00
Rains X Roads, Johnston Co.	16.09
First Church, Durham	10.60
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County	20.00
Union Grove, Durham Co.	26.78
Total	\$140.79

Twenty-Second Week

Peoples Chapel, Wilson Co.	\$15.03
Milbourny, Wilson Co.	19.01
Pleasant Plains, Johnson Co.	20.15
Little Rock, Wilson Co.	27.38
Union Grove, Wayne Co.	30.00
Micro, Johnston Co.	30.10
Pine Level, Johnston Co.	20.00
Tee's Chapel, Johnston Co.	33.00
Smithfield, Johnston Co.	10.05
Total	\$204.77

A Good League Meeting

By Rose Bowen

The Clarence Bowen Senior League of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist church in Durham is really doing things for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. This league, having been organized only a year, has accomplished many worthwhile things under the fine leadership of their president, Mrs. L. H. McDade.

Our church held a two-weeks revival recently, with our missionary, Rev. T. H. Willey, preaching. During this meeting we saw several of our leaguers give their hearts to Jesus, some reconsecrated their lives, and all others were drawn closer to the Lord through the wonderful influence of his Spirit.

It makes our hearts glad to know that we have some young people who are willing to give up the world and work for "the Kingdom of God first." These young people did lots of personal work during the revival; many having prayer lists. We are sure that many hearts were made to rejoice as they saw these saved who were written on their lists.

On a recent evening, a business meeting was held by this league. After a devotional composed of choruses, Bible reading, and prayer, we discussed individually, "Why I Like the League." One of our new converts said, "I like the league because it draws me closer to Jesus and trains me to do better work for him." Each leaguer gave a wonderful testimony in regard to this. Following our devotions we entered into a business session. We unanimously decided to observe "white Christmas" for the benefit of our Orphanage, and to send Mrs. Simpson our superannuation money. On Sunday, December 31, we are going to have a Watch Service. Much work was planned for the New Year.

The meeting closed with the League Benediction in chorus.

Our young people have much for which to be thankful by having such an efficient pastor, Rev. Henry Melvin, to work with us. We are indeed blessed and we thank God for him. We believe in standing behind our pastor and aiding in any way possible.

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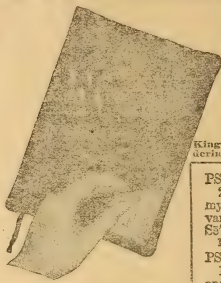
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Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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The belfries of all Christendom
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Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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The Chorus of the Heavenly Host

By I. J. BLACKWELDER, 1115 East Douglas Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

For more than two thousand years the descendants of Abraham had been looking for the One in whom all the nations of the earth should be blessed. God had promised the faithful patriarch Abraham, even before Isaac was born and after he and Sarah had grown old, that his seed should be as the dust of the earth and as the stars of the heaven without number, and that in his seed all nations of the earth should be blessed.

But the blessing did not come immediately, and because of its long delay, many of those to whom the promise was given lost hope in the coming Messiah. There was a remnant of the chosen seed, however, who still believed that God would fulfill His promise to Abraham, and who were still looking for the Christ when He came. Among those faithful ones was a group of Judean shepherds to whom, as they kept watch over their flock by night, the angel of the Lord appeared and said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men."*

In this little chorus there are three distinct parts, and in each part there is a very significant word, namely, *glory, peace, and good-will.*

Glory! To whom? and where? and why? Glory belongs to God and only to Him, for He and He alone is responsible for what has happened. From the foundation of the world the great event of which we are thinking was planned by Him who alone has the power and right to redeem fallen humanity. And ap-

parently there was only one thing that God himself could do to restore fallen man to his original state and standing with His Creator, and that was to give His only begotten Son as the sinner's substitute. Moreover, He must be presented as the "seed of the woman," and as the "root of David," even the son of a virgin. In due time, therefore, Mary "brought forth her first-born son," and the angel of the Lord heralded the "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," namely, the birth of the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

"Glory to God in the highest," or as some read it, "Glory to God in the highest heavens," was the response of a multitude of the heavenly host to this marvelous event. It is not merely "glory to God" who is the highest of all and who occupies the highest place of all. But rather it is "glory to God" by those who are highest and from the highest place; it is "glory to God" by the highest beings in the highest heavens. The angels, though neither directly interested in redemption for themselves nor personally affected by it, were delighted to celebrate the great event to the praise and glory and honor of Him whose great love was manifested to the world.

"And on earth peace." This part of the chorus has to do specifically with the results of Christ's ministry on the earth. Since the day that sin entered the Garden of Eden and brought condemnation to man and a curse upon the earth, man has been restless, miserable, perplexed, and distressed. Since that dark day, man has had least of the thing he wants and needs most, and that thing is *Peace*. God was acquainted with man's greatest need, so the first result of redemption through Christ is "peace on earth."

Now, this promised "peace on earth" is applicable, first of all, to the individual in a spiritual way. It is for man and is "peace on earth" because man is on the earth. It is peace of mind, conscience, and soul. It is the peace that Christ brought to the world and that He left with His disciples when He ascended to His heavenly Father. It is peace that soothes and quiets troubled hearts and that gives courage to those whom sin has disturbed and made afraid. It is peace that the world does not have and therefore cannot give. It is "peace that passeth all understanding," even by those who possess it. Finally, it is peace with God now, here, and for evermore.

But be careful lest you misconstrue this promise of peace. Many to whom peace belongs are in jeopardy simply because they do not understand that it is to be possessed and enjoyed in the midst of a world of trouble and together with pain and persecution, disappointment and disaster, crime and cruelty, and sorrows without number. The same One whose coming meant "peace on earth" also said to a group of His disciples to whom He had spoken peace: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matt. 10: 34-36). But in the midst of all these "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26: 3).

Nevertheless, a time of universal peace is coming. Then, the warring nations "shall beat their swords in-

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EDITORIAL

Christmas Greetings

With this issue of the Baptist, we are happy to send Christmas greetings to the many readers of our church paper. For your interest in the paper, and for your loyalty to the Press, we express thanks and good wishes to each one during this Christmas season. Your patronage and good-will, during the year now closing, have meant much for the success of the business of the institution; and have been the means of joy and good wishes to each official and employee at the Press. Inasmuch as we are very grateful for every consideration shown the institution this year by all who have given it their hearty support, just so, we are hoping that you appreciate the services rendered the denomination by the distribution of its publications, and the merchandising which it has sold its various customers. We have a right to be joyous when we review the splendid success which has come to the Press this year. We do not take all of the credit for ourselves, but are happy to say, "Greetings to you!" for your patronage and good-will.

Moreover, we are happy to express joy and thanksgiving to the heavenly Father for the many blessings bestowed upon us. It is He who has made it possible, through His divine providence, for us to have been able to render faithful services during the year in His name. He has given us the health, the strength and the will to work for the purpose, not only to be of service to the church but also for His glory, that righteousness and Christian fellowship might be increased wherever our services have reached the people. Peace and harmony, good-will and the joy of laboring together have been the prevailing attitude among those who have shared in the work here. As you have been blessed in a material way to have been able to

keep your subscriptions up to the Baptist, to purchase the desired Sunday School and League literature, and other such periodicals as you needed for your church, just so, we have been blessed at the Press to accomplish a good year's work. Both material and spiritual blessings, as every Christian knows, come from the hand of Almighty God, and it behooves everyone to thank the Lord during this Christmas season for His loving-kindness.

To the young people of the church, and especially to the Leaguers, we are saying "Merry Christmas!" We want you to know that we are thinking of you, and wishing for you many happy moments during the holiday season. Your interest in the Baptist paper, and in the young people's work of the church in general is growing, judging from the increased sales of Sunday School and League literature at the Press. This gives us reason to be happy and to appreciate your efforts for the cause of righteousness. Thus we thank you for your co-operation and patronage during the year in using large quantities of our publications.

Now, may we expect even greater interest and co-operation from you for the coming year than you have given us this present year. You can rest assured that the Press at Ayden has your spiritual interests at heart, and will grant every favor possible as you put forth efforts to further the cause of Christ in your church and community. When you are in need of religious tracts, fine booklets for your use, good Bibles with easy helps, League literature, and other desired materials in your religious work, write the Press, and your requests will be gladly considered without delay. Therefore, in this way, we are sending greetings and good wishes to the youth of the church during this Christmas season, asking God's blessings upon everyone of you.

Also, in a definite way, we wish to send greetings to the beloved ministers, and to the co-workers in the Women's Auxiliaries. Your faithful work in the field among the churches is to be commended for the increased interest which is being shown in Christian education, missions, superannuation, orphanage work, and the like. Signs of progress, both in local church work and in the denomination as a whole, are shown in different ways. We have observed this interest through the reports coming to us from the churches of the different states. As we note these changes, as time passes, we are pleased to see the increased efforts on the part of you ministers and lay-workers. We should feel glad, and be willing to greet each other with thanksgiving. Your co-operation and loyalty to the Press here at Ayden through your interest and patronage gives us, laborers together for the cause of Christ, reason to be thankful for your good will and material support. It is our prayer that God will bless everyone of you during the Christmas holidays, and on through the coming year. May you, as soldiers of the cross, resolve to do more in your local churches and communities next year for the cause of Christ than you have done this year. Thus, we are closing this editorial by expressing to you ministers and auxiliary workers in the various states our very best wishes and Christmas greetings as the year draws to its close. Let us hope that the new year will have in store for each of us splendid opportunities for greater services in the denominational work. May every active minister and lay-worker of the church, directed by the wisdom of divine providence, go forth with new zeal and greater vision to do in a splendid way whatever tasks God may see fit to place upon each of us. May we welcome every opportunity of Christian service, and enter upon the tasks set before us with the joy to do God's will. Then, when the race has been run, and the goals reached, the promises are that the reward will be certain, and the joy will be made complete.

The Wonderful Christ

(Radio Message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Free Will Baptist Pastor and Evangelist, Swamanoa, North Carolina, over WPTF December 11, 1939 on your Daily Devotional Program.)

Good morning, friends, I am in deed happy for the privilege of speaking to you again in the name of the blessed Lord. I thank God for the great work being carried on by Brother Steele, Brother Luther, Mrs. Malpass and the others who are making this daily devotional period possible. I am asking you to pray that God may direct the work in His own way.

I appreciate and praise God for the cards and letters written to me and the personal words of all who commented on my message of four weeks ago. If my feeble efforts help anyone along the way I am happy to know about it, and I give God the glory for it.

As the Christmas season approaches, I can think of no more fitting subject for this morning's message than, "The Wonderful Christ." "And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9: 6.

What a name! What a Christ! He shall be called wonderful! How that prophecy is being fulfilled. No other name is on the lips of so many people. His name is known and loved wherever man is found. Although it has been nearly two thousand years since Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, yet He lives in the hearts of His people, and shall as long as time lasts and the ages roll on. How often have the sad and bereaved been comforted, the despondent cheered, the dreary inspired, the churches revived and the sinner blest and redeemed by the meek and lowly Redeemer, Jesus Christ! Justly is He called wonderful because He is both God and man. He is "the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valley," "The bright and

morning star." "He is the chiefest among ten thousand" and "He is altogether lovely." He is the Christian's hope and inspiration ever impelling us to follow Him in life, looking and waiting for His coming again that we may ever be with Him. He is the sinner's only hope of salvation, for we are told in Acts 4: 12: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." If there is an unsaved one listening in this morning won't you take this wonderful Christ as your Personal Saviour? He wants you to come to Him now. He invites you. He said "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest." Again He said, "And him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." So, my unsaved friend, you may come to Christ this morning with the full assurance that He will save you. Decide now to trust in Him and you will morefully realize why He is so wonderful.

Men have tried to classify Jesus with other great men, but the greatest of them appear but tiny specks while Christ rises up into the infinite majesty and mystery of God. John tells us, "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1: 14.

Jesus Christ was the most unique and authentic man that ever lived in the world. Why, just think, He was righteousness embodied; He was love embodied; He was sympathy embodied; He was helpfulness embodied; He was simplicity embodied; He was majesty embodied; He was mystery embodied; and He was God-man embodied. It is wonderful, yes amazing, to think of the manifold things Christ represented. Some one has truly said of Him, "His life was like the sun, casting tens of thousands of rays from its bountiful, exhaustless and infinite orb to warm and light a cold, inanimate and benighted world, full of sin and misery." He came to help countless thousands of souls who

had fallen into the dark abyss of sin groping their way helplessly and despairingly through life with no hope. He was ready to condescend to the lowest phases and types of degraded humanity and raise them to lives worth living, or to bless the most exalted who would trust and follow Him. His life, while on earth, was made up of a constant series of wonders. He healed the sick, raised the dead, opened the eyes of the blind, made the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk. Once He calmed the storm tossed sea in such a wonderful way that the people said "What manner of man is this?" Lord Byron once said, "If ever God were man and man were God, Jesus Christ was both."

The birth of Christ was one of the most stupendous facts of all history. It is of interest to all humanity for it was an event that bridged the chasm — created by sin — between God and man, giving us the privilege of entering into divine companionship with our heavenly Father. Christ's sublime doctrine and miraculous works attest that He was "God with us" and would be "God in us," if we would but open the door and let Him come in. Won't you let Him come into your heart this morning—right now?

Christ in the Heart

By W. R. Buck

When Christ enters the heart of man,

He makes the darkness Light;
He chases all the shadows away,
And makes the face bright!

When Christ transforms the heart of man,

He makes true beauty appear;
Not just beauty on the outside,
But He makes the heart sincere!

He makes us love our fellow-man

With Christian love that's true;
When Christ gets into the heart of men,

He makes the man—anew!

Christmas Message about the Christ

*By C. J. Harris,
Greenville, N. C.*

Through the Eternal purpose and power of the Godhead, invested in the Holy Spirit, God sent His only begotten Son into the world, by means of the Virgin Mary. For it is written: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel," "Immanuel, God with us." How full of consolation is He with us, in His own proper Person.

A Star has come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter has come forth out of Israel. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever, The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform it."

Four thousand years before Christ, came the promise of God to the fallen race that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, and from that time on down the centuries the prophets of the Lord, looking into the future, kept adding prophecy upon prophecy, and detail upon detail, until hundreds of lines of prediction, all pointing to Christ, were given. From Moses to Malachi all center upon the incarnate Son of God, and find fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. His life began in a manger of poverty, and closed upon a cross of shame.

In the seed of "Abraham all the nations shall be blessed"; the selection of Isaac, "the child of promise," the choosing of Jacob and the prediction that the scripture should not depart from Judah, nor a law giver cease from among his descen-

dants till Shiloh should come, Jesus the Prophet, mighty indeed, came from the tribe of Judah, and of the house of David. "And there shall come forth a rod out of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the Spirit of the Lord shall be upon him." The Messiah came from the lineage of David and He shall sit upon David's throne. "A righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." "And Israel shall dwell in safety."

In Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and in Him alone, do all the prophets meet and find their fulfillment. In Him and in Him alone, of all the descendants of Abraham, of the tribe of Judah, of the house of David, can all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Hence, the expression of the angels: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, and kindly laid in a manger. Here lies the King of kings, and Lord of lords. What does it mean? God has revealed His mercy, grace and truth. His Son is humbled that He might give life and peace to fallen man.

Who can fathom the mystery of the manger-birth? The mother is younger than the Child that she bears! The everlasting Father becomes a Child! God and man become one Person! Very God and very man. There is no wonder that an old divine said: "I can scarcely get past His cradle in my wondering to wonder at His cross. The infant is in some views a greater marvel than Jesus with a purple robe, and the crown of thorns."

We can never fathom the mystery, no never! We can only bow before it in holy wonder, and marvel at the greatness of the God who could make such a wondrous birth as our Saviour's possible. Let us

give thanks rather than seek to penetrate. The Virgin birth an impossibility? So may the skeptic decide, but Faith learns to accept the angel's word, even as Mary did when her reason failed to comprehend the truth. "With God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1: 37). Yes, and faith delights to respond even as Mary did. "Be it unto me, according to thy word" (Luke 1: 38).

Nearly two thousand years ago there was a Child born contrary to the laws of nature. He was rocked in the cradle of poverty and reared in obscurity. He possessed neither wealth nor influence. But in infancy He startled a king, in childhood He puzzled the doctors, in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows and hushed the sea. He healed the multitudes, and made no charge for His services. He went about doing good.

Christ never wrote a book, and yet more books have been written about Him than about any other subject. He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than have all the song writers. He never founded a college, but all the schools together do not have as many students. He never practiced medicine, yet He was the best doctor, healing more broken hearts than all the doctors put together. He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader had more volunteers. "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is he?" Concerning His greatness, an able writer has said: "He is the Star of astronomy—the bright and morning Star. He is the Rock of geology—the Rock of Ages. He is the Lion and the Lamb of zoology the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world. He is the Revealer of the truth, the Rebuker of evil things. He is the Quickener of all that is good and wholesome, the Adorner of all that is beautiful, the Reconciler of all that is contradictory, the Harmony of all discords, the Healer of all diseases, and the Sav-

jour of mankind." Taking all the facts concerning His mysterious birth and wonderful power, who may dare to doubt His divinity?

The names of proud statesmen have come and gone, the names of philosophers and theologians have come and gone into obscurity, but the name that towers above all other names abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between this generation and the scene of His birth, He still lives. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him. God was in Him! There lies the secret.

Today, and through all the days, He stands forth from the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged of angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour—the Alpha and Omega. He came from the throne of God to the manger in the stable, from the heights of glory to the lowest humility. He put on humility that we might put on divinity. He became the Son of man that we might become the sons of God. He made the great condescension, He left heaven, heaven with angels, their songs and their harps. He left that city whose walls are made of jasper, gates set with pearls, and where streets are paved with gold that He might walk the rough hills of Palestine on errands of mercy, doing the will of His Father. It was the joy of His life. He could truthfully say: "The work thou gavest me to do, I have done." "It is finished." He rounded out a life of unparalleled service. No emperor that ever lived had a sway so great, so noble and so glorious as that of the lowly Nazarene, whose humble life began in a stall among the beasts.

How is it that every great conqueror of earth has gone to the grave of forgetfulness, and no one heeds their wishes or their words, while the man Christ Jesus, without position, force or fame, or wealth,

has issued commands which are respected in every quarter of the globe, and which will live when nations die, and have a force which the decrees of monarchs never had? What manner of man is this, whose secret whispers are heard through all the ages, and whose mandate spoken in the ears of a few lowly, uneducated disciples, rolls reverberations down to time's remotest hour which penetrates the heart, convicts the conscience, controls the judgment and rules the lives of unnumbered sons of men? Surely, a power like this must have a higher than a human source! Surely, one whose words are mighty as these words are must be clothed with an earthly energy which demonstrates Him to be not merely like the first man, "of the earth earthly" but like "the second man," the Lord from heaven. He came to His own, but His own received Him not. Every door was closed except the stable door, and every bed was full but the manger bed.

How do you think it will be when He comes the second time without sin unto salvation to judge the world, and to reign as King and Lord of all forever more? Will there be room for Him in your heart and mine?

Cherished Thoughts of Christ

By Mrs. C. T. Adams
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Jesus converted the symbol of slavery and wickedness into the most pure and glorious symbol in the world. He uttered seven sentences which have been preserved to us. They are seven windows by which we can still look into His mind and heart, and learn the impression made on Him by what was happening. He triumphed over his sufferings by self forgetting love. He never was more completely himself as during the hours of agony, while

His precious life passed away—the unselfish worker for others.

When He was fainting on the cross, He forgot His fatigue in His anxiety for the daughters of Jerusalem. "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and your children." When they were nailing Him to the cross, He was absorbed in a prayer for His murderers. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

He quenched the pain in the first hours of the crucifixion by His interest in the penitent thief. "Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." He took care to provide a new home for His mother by placing her in the hands of a disciple. "Woman, behold thy son."

He hung long, silent amidst the darkness without, and the darkness within, till at length, out of the depths of an anguish which human thought will never fathom, there issued the cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It was the dark moment when the soul of Christ touched the very bottom of His misery.

The darkness passed from the landscape, and the sun shone forth again. The Spirit of Christ, too, emerged its eclipse with the strength of victory won in the final struggle. He cried, "It is finished." And then with perfect serenity He breathed out His life on a verse of a favorite psalm. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

The life of the unselfish worker for others ended in suffering, and you may ask, "Why?" It was for your sins and mine that He died. We are able today, after hundreds of years, to know Christ, not as a dead Christ, but one who sits at the right hand of God.

He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today—
You ask me why I know
He lives—
He lives within my heart!

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What Constitutes a Call to the Mission Field?

Thomas Willey
Missionary to Panama

I am constantly meeting young people who say, "How can I know that I am called to definite Christian service, or what constitutes a call to special Christian service?"

I shall state simply as possible from experience and observation some things which we must consider as we come to face with such a call.

1. There must come the *impression*, and be sure that that impression is from the Lord. An impression might come from other sources than from the Lord; it might come from *us* or our loved ones might try to impress us that this is the will of the Lord. I have met dear spiritual people who have had the habit of getting impressions from the Lord for other people. The Lord does not work this way, for you are a free moral agent, a distinct personality and, if you are a Christian, it is the prerequisite that the Lord deals with you directly. Many well meaning parents have been guilty of this. Be very sure that it is the will of the Lord for you to go into definite Christian service. We dare not depend on impressions as much as the impression stands for in the call.

Next there is the Word of God which should loom out and above all other considerations.

I have met some who are fighting the call to service. They say the Word of God has not demanded them to be a Foreign Missionary. If you are willing to follow me, I shall show you by the word where every Christian is called to be that which makes a foreign missionary. After the expression "foreign and home missions" is a term that was not used in the early church. The division was called the ministry to the Gentiles, and in that day it was Gentiles and Jews, and of course early Christianity was a long time getting away from Judaizers, those who would demand that the Gentile

Christians would conform to the forms and ceremonies of Jewery, such as circumcision and the levitical laws and other man-made laws which had been added to the Jewish customs. Paul spoke of those customs, when on trial before Agrippa (Acts 26). Then in Acts 11 we find that this strong feeling existed in the hearts of those early Christians.

Let us consider the last earthly command of Jesus which became the marching orders of the church thru all the ages, a command which was never revoked. The occasion under which this command was given made it doubly binding (Matthew 28: 19). "Go ye therefore, and teach *all nations* baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to *observe all things* whatsoever I have commanded you."

Notice the occasion, it was after his resurrection, and it was his first message to them after he had conquered death and the grave. The first and paramount fact he wanted his disciples and the church to get was that, all men, all nations, should hear the good news of his *teachings*. Mark gives us the account, Mark 16: 15. And He said unto them, "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the Gospel to *every creature*."

Read Luke 24: 44 to 53. Read all this, and then we shall notice the occasion of this message. It was just before his ascension he had been with them in his resurrected body for some time, and now he is about to ascend to the Father. Naturally his message shall be full of meaning to them and to the church down through all the ages. Now, notice especially the following words in His message, verse 46. And said unto them, "Thus it is written and thus it behooved *Christ* to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that *repentance and remission* of sins should be preached in his name *among all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem." Thus he leaves with them the great commission which rings down through the ages. Then read the first chapter of the book of Acts, and especially

the eighth verse and underscore Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

You might say that does not apply to me. These words apply to each of us as a Christian. We want to notice how it applies to each of us. God has a special ministry to all his servants and he will reveal to each of them what his will is for them. The essential thing that God would have us know is that we must be *obedient*, if we are not we might get into trouble like that Old Testament missionary Jonah. It will be worthwhile for us to get an idea of the organization of the Apostolic church: first, we must realize that the church is more than an organization—it is an *organism*, it is a *body* of which Christ is the head and each of us members.

A church without organization is not after the New Testament plan. There was Government and discipline, there were deacons, or overseers. Stephen was the first to be chosen. Read Acts 6: 5, 6. Elders, pastors, teachers, prophets or preachers, those with different gifts, conferred especially by the Holy Spirit, were for an express purpose that the body of Christ, the church might be nurtured and built up.

In the church were special calls. In Acts 11 we see the Gentiles are offering a special problem to the Jewish Christians, the sphere of activity has shifted from Jerusalem due to persecution. A strong church center has been formed at Antioch. Barnabas is sent to investigate and as a result of his investigation seeks out Paul. Then in Acts 13 we find Paul and Barnabas are made ministers of the uncircumcision. Paul became what we might consider the first missionary to foreigners and some of those foreigners were of the races and peoples from which we are today.

Back to the call and qualifications for special service. According to the word we are to be witnesses. After we are impressed of the Holy Spirit and are enlightened from the Word that He would have us carry

his message to the regions beyond there comes the consciousness of a need of preparation for service, this preparation should be thorough and practical. If it is service in the foreign fields we should get a knowledge of the trades, carpentry, mason, machinest, also of the professions such as teaching, some medicine, also know something of farming. You will notice we are not emphasizing education, while education is important it does not by any means constitute the requirements, one might be highly educated and lack common sense.

The next important step in knowing the will of God is in proving our qualifications at home. If we cannot become soul winners at home under favorable circumstances we shall never become such on the mission fields of the world. Here at home are marvelous opportunities to preach the gospel in any of the major languages of the world, especially Spanish. There are great areas in Florida and our South Western states where Spanish is the language of the people. There are needy sections where the people never have the opportunity to hear a Gospel message. Become a soul winner at home. No one should be sent to the mission field who has not had this training at home. To send out such workers is unfair to the young missionaries as well as to the society.

If you go to a foreign field there are some things you must be made aware of, first the climate, most of the climates are tropical, lands of fever, countries where the water you drink is polluted and must be boiled, a land of poor hospitalization. This brings us to another consideration your *health*, a good physic offers power of resistance to diseases. No one is immune to tropical fevers and after you are down with them it takes months to stage a comeback.

Language is another of the obstacles. We must study sometimes two languages other than our own. To some people language is easy, to others it is a matter of diligent drill. Then equally as important is to know the people with whom you

are working. They think differently than you, their views and background are entirely different than yours. Remember you shall always be to them a foreigner of a different race and color.

Compatibility is one of importance. Do you find it difficult to mix or get along with folk, hard to give in over small matters, if so, my advice is to stay home.

It will be interesting to cognize that there are different types of ministry on the mission field. There are those who feel called to go into new virgin, unevangelized fields of the world, entering into the tribes, building your own home and applying yourselves to the study and translation of a dialect. This type is the pioneer, always in quest of unreached peoples, he must combine the builder and the all around man.

There are others who on a developed station might find open doors as teachers, or agriculturist, some have gone forth with the printing press and had ministries that angels would delight in. Then there is the medical missionary or nursing. How marvelous are the avenues of the Gospel ministry in the regions beyond. To you who are doubtful of the call to some special field my suggestion is to, above all, pray and consecrate yourself and thus be in readiness for the door that shall open to you. Diligently apply yourself to the task at hand, matters not how simple or humble it may seem and in due time He shall honor you with a larger ministry. Let no place seem too small or insignificant. Wherever there is a soul, that soul needs the ministry of the true man with a mission. A missionary is a man with a mission and the mission of the missionary is to testify the Gospel. Comfort yourself with the thought that all of us can not be sixteen cylinder personalities but if we are a little old four cylinder we can offer good performance and hit on all four.

No man was e'er glorious who was not laborious.—*Benj. Franklin.*

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Poem-O-Graphs

*By Rev. Sherman H. Oakes,
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BEAUTY

Beauty in its splendor,
What an experience is told!
The handiwork of nature
Is marvelous to behold.

BEAUTIFUL

Beautiful is the scenery,
Beautiful is the day
Beautiful is the life,
If lived the right way!

SUNSHINE

Cheering is the sunlight,
With its radiant ray!
Coming forth with greetings
Of another glad day.

PERSEVERANCE

You can, if you believe,
And you forward proceed;
You'll be sure of success,
And your work'll be good indeed.

HOPE

How beautiful hope is!
Abiding in us every day;
How cheering hope is!
It reaches so far away.

WORSHIP

How we worship—hope
Of something better another
day;
Without hope our lives all worthless,
Same as thrown away.

INSPIRATION

How hope leads us on—
Here we must not remain;
We should give place to hope,
'Tis influence, not restrain.

EXPERIENCE

There's an experience of righteousness,
There's an experience of love;
There's an heavenly mansion
Prepared for us above.

The Chorus of the Heavenly Host

(Continued from page three)

to plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 2: 4; 11:9). But the Lord Jesus must first come in glory and great power, put down sin and Satan, establish the Millennial Kingdom, and occupy the throne of His Father David on which He will reign in person for a thousand years.

"Good will toward men," are the closing words of this beautiful and significant chorus, and they too suggest a glorious truth. Heretofore a mortal enmity existed between God and man. Because of sin man had incurred the wrath and judgment of God, the penalty of which is eternal death. But the birth of the Saviour meant a change of God's attitude toward man, a healing of the breach caused by sin, "and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." Though man in his natural state continues to be at enmity against God, the will of God is only good toward man. God desires only the best for mankind and offers pardon and peace to all. And though we spurn His offer of pardon and peace, He is still "long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that they should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Yes, this little chorus, composed of a doxology to God and of congratulations to men, was sung by a multitude of the heavenly host. But it is not for the angels alone to sing, for it is a song that we all should learn. Nevertheless, only those whose lives have been touched by the "Master's hand" and whose hearts have been tuned to sing His praise can sincerely and truly sing,

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men."

The Incarnate Son

(A CHRISTMAS POEM)

By C. J. Harris,
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The Virgin Mary, favored and blest,
At Bethlehem in need of rest,
There's no room at the inn,
'Tis full and crowded within.
"We'll find a place, Joseph dear,
God's with me, I do not fear."
So the stable journey was begun,
There, Mary saw her first born Son.

Heaven's Baby among the beast!
The famous Star of the East,
With gilded rays of sparkling light,
Guided the Wise men by night
To Baby Jesus, the stable stranger,
They saw Him lying in a manger,
And gave to Him gifts of worth
In honor of His virgin birth.

At the dawn of rising Day,
The little King with mother lay
On a bed of common hay.
Why did He come this way?
'Twas amazing love! 'Twas amazing
grace!
Infinite condescension for Adam's
race!
Innocent blood He freely gave,
His precious blood alone can save.

"Mighty God!" of "Wonderful
fame!"
Thy name is Master of every name!
Born in Bethlehem, David's town,
"Glad-tidings," let the angels sing,
"Hosannah to the new born King!"
Let heaven's eternal arches ring!

The Bethlehem story of centuries
old,
The most sublime story ever told.
Angels heralded the news from
above,
"A Saviour's born," the Christ of
love.
Mysterious, marvelous, distinguish-
ed birth!

Divine in heaven, divine on earth!
Wonder of wonders! no one can see!
But, Master, we are glad for Thee!

Bethlehem! Bethlehem! may we say,

Christmas! in memory of Christ's
birthday!

Angels bright! manger lowly!
Shepherds rapt and Baby holy!
Angels set steeples to swinging,
The echoes set ages to singing.
Peaceful the lambs are at rest,
Jesus is born, the nations are blest.

The Advent's glorious! The angels
descended!

Listen again, for more angels in
glory

For the precious sweet infinite
story!

Let it ring in every land

Of watching shepherds and bright
angel band!

God our Father may we find,
Peace, good-will with all mankind!

"Unspeakable Gift," God's great
love!

Sent from the glorified Realm
above!

Life of Light, born in a stall!
Blessed Jesus, the Redeemer's fall!

In humility, humble and low,
Redeeming blood for man did flow,
Jesus did His Father's will;
He blessed and died on Calvary's
Hill.

In an age of grief and shame,
Jesus came to suffer pain.

In this wicked world of awful din,
Jesus saved His people from their
sin.

Wonderful Saviour of the Christmas
dawn!

Priceless Gift! Is He mine and
thine?

Incarnate Son, Baby divine!

The hand of Providence has been
so conspicuous in our country's history
that he must be worse than an
infidel that lacks faith, and more
than wicked that has not gratitude
enough to acknowledge his obligations.—George Washington.

All equivocation and subterfuge
belong to falsehood, which consists,
not in using false words, but in convey-
ing false impressions, no matter
how.—John Randolph.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Regeneration — "(1) The necessity of the new birth grows out of the incapacity of the natural man to 'see' or to 'enter into' the kingdom of God. However gifted, moral or refined, the natural man is absolutely blind to spiritual truth, and impotent to enter the kingdom; for he can neither obey, understand, nor please God." (John 3: 3, 5, 6; Psalm 51: 5; Jeremiah 17: 9; Mark 7: 21-23; 1 Corinthians 2: 14; Romans 8: 7, 8; Ephesians 2: 3). (2) The new birth is not a reformation of the old nature (Romans 6: 6), but a creative act of the Holy Spirit (John 3: 5; 1: 12, 13; 2 Corinthians 5: 17; Ephesians 2: 10; 4: 24). (3) The condition of the new birth is faith in Christ crucified (John 3: 14, 15; 1: 12, 13; Galatians 3: 24). (4) Through the new birth the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature and of the life of Christ Himself (Galatians 2: 20; Ephesians 2: 10; 4: 24; Colossians 1: 27; 1 Peter 1: 23-25; 2 Peter 1: 4; 1 John 5: 10, 12)."—*Scofield Notes*. These are wonderful truths. It means something to be *born again*. Readers, "search the scriptures." Be sure that you *know that you are a child of God*.

To my many friends—I wish that I could send to everyone of you a BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARD. I used capital letters because I would make it a BIG NICE card. But when I think of you all and look at my pocketbook I find that it will be impossible — yes utterly *impossible* to remember you all with cards—wife and I, however, are sending out a few cards, but if you do not get a card from us, just remember that we love our Christ first, and then we love you. May you have a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. This is our Prayer. Amen.

SELECTED THOUGHTS FROM
DANIEL WEBSTER

Violence in debate only leads to irritation. . . . Knowledge is the only foundation both of the love and the principles of human liberty. . . . It is my living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying

sentiment,—“Independence now and independence forever.” . . . Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint. . . . God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.—*Brilliant Thoughts for Men*.

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Friends and Foes of the Kingdom

(Lesson for December 31)

Lesson: Matthew 13: 54—14: 4; 15:29-31.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you*" (John 15: 14).

Now notice one of our Lord's commandments, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). In Philippi there were two of God's children who needed encouragement along this line: "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord" (Philippians 4: 2). To the Christians in Corinth the same Apostle Paul wrote: "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as [after the manner of] men" (1 Corinthians 3: 3). How fine for the followers of our Lord Jesus to have good will to each other.—H. M. H.

Many whom the Lord Jesus blessed, and healed, and saved, became His loving friends and followers. To be Jesus' friend involved, then and now, obedience. Jesus said, "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15: 14). "Good evening," said the late Dr. R. A. Torrey to a minister's son, "are you a friend of Jesus?" "Yes, I consider myself Jesus' friend," was the young man's reply. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," said Dr. Torrey. The young man's eyes fell, and he replied, "Well if those are the conditions, I guess I am not Jesus' friend?" (Read Deuteronomy 26: 16; Joshua 1:8; Matthew 7:21; Acts 5: 29).—W. B. K.

I. HOME WORK

1. What was the usual effect of the preaching of Jesus upon His hearers? (Matthew 13:54; John 7:15; Mark 10:24; John 7: 46).

2. What mistake did the Nazarenes make in their estimation of Jesus? (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 6:42).

3. In what places was Jesus rejected? (Matthew 2: 13-15; Luke 4: 16-30; Mark 6: 1-6; John 10: 31, 32).

4. How many times, and in what ways, did the path of this Herod cross that of Jesus Christ? (Matthew 14:1; Luke 13: 31, 32; 23:7).

5. What is considered to be the crowning sin of Herod? (Luke 3: 19, 20; 9:9).

6. What is the testimony of Christ concerning John the Baptist? (Matthew 11: 7-11).

7. What was the testimony of John concerning Christ? (Matthew 3: 11; John 1: 29-34; 3: 30).

8. What is the promise of God to those who are faithful unto death? (Rev. 2: 10).

9. Where do we hear the last of the disciples of John? (Acts 19: 1-5).—J. C. T.

10. Read Numbers 12 this week. How should God's messengers be treated?

11. The Advanced quarterly has fine lesson helps for the coming quarter. So have our other quarters. Let's make 1940 a great Bible-Study year.

II. Practical Lessons

1. *The Attitude of the Nazarenes* (Matt. 13:54-58). Nazareth was "His own country" (vs. 54). Here He had spent His childhood, boyhood and youth.

Lack of appreciation aided home folks to reject His ministry. Often people, privileged to live or worship where God works mightily, miss much because they permit God's

working to become commonplace. This same ministry is often transferred to other fields where many appreciate and profit by it. Those missing Jesus' ministry through neglect or willful rejection, lose immeasurably in time and eternity. Jesus cast 2,000 demons out of a man whom no one could tame. The demons then entered and destroyed 2,000 swine. The deeply impressed multitude, fearing loss of swine, pleaded with Jesus to depart. He departed, though He was willing to bless each one in greater measure than He had blessed the demoniac (Mark 5:1-20).

2. *The Attitude of Herod* (Matt. 14:1-4). Herod was not ignorant of the existence of Jesus. He was a son of Herod the Great, during whose government Jesus was born.

Herod had a bad conscience. He had led a very wicked life. He was married to a daughter of Aretas, king of Arabia; but he lived in open adultery with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. It seems no one protested against his sin, with the exception of one man—John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ.

Herod knew that John had been beheaded, but when he heard of the mighty works of Jesus, his conscience was awakened. He believed that Jesus was none other than John raised from the dead, who would come and take vengeance on him.

3. *The Attitude of the Multitudes* (Matt. 15:29-31).

If there were foes, there were also friends. Rejected at home, He was heralded abroad. The sick, the sad, and the poor, in "great multitudes" sought Him out, and a wondering "multitude" of on-lookers "glorified the God of Israel" "when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see."

What a contrast between this Bible scene and a scene in India described by May M. McKelvey in *World Dominion*:

"The smallpox goddess was taking a ride. Understand me, it was not the stone idol, the similitude in which they show the smallpox goddess in her temples. No, she was 'visiting' a person, in other words, *a person sick with the smallpox was being carried up and down this big town, into every highway and by-way*, to be worshipped by all and sundry. In each temple enclosure the bearers stopped and gave the people, gathered for worship there, opportunity to offer homage to Sitla Dewi. Can you imagine the scene? The gasping patient, with blackened face, swollen and disfigured by the dread disease, covered all over with putrid, discharging sores, emitting a terrific stench; the worshipping and curious crowd, pressing more and closer; the terrible infection being carried by the breeze and the flies to all bystanders. And this very act of worship, designed for the purpose of placating the goddess and keeping here away from their homes, was the means of publicly exposing, God only knows how many hundreds of people, to smallpox. We hastened past with grief in our hearts at such blindness, and a righteous anger at the depths of darkness in Hinduism."—*Selected.*

National Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists

(December 14, 1939)

I am submitting a complete account of all funds designated for the National Home Mission Board, to date, December 15, 1939. On behalf of your Home Mission Board, I wish to express our very deep appreciation for every consideration given this fund. As we turn our faces toward the new year, I trust that one of our New Year's resolutions will be to "Lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes," relative to our Home Mission program. If it could happen that all of the churches would favor this fund with a donation, though small it might be, what a glowing report

the Board would be able to make at the next session of our National Association. Please let us hear from you with the kind of response that is becoming to Christians.

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Program

Program of the Sunday School Convention of Albemarle Union Meeting to convene with Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, December 31, 1939.

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions and address of welcome, *Beverly Coburn*
 10:15—Roll Call of Sunday schools and report of delegates
 11:00—Special music by Orphanage group
 11:20—Convention sermon, *Rev. M. E. Tyson*
 12:00—Lunch

Sunday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, *Alton Paul*
 1:15—Business
 1:30—Report of treasurer
 1:35—Awarding of banners
 1:45—The last words
 2:00—Adjournment and benediction

John Paul

Clarence Bowen

Program Committee

Program

Program of the Albemarle Union Meeting to convene with Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, beginning Saturday morning, December 30, 1939.

Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions, *John Paul*
 10:20—Roll call of ministers and reading of minutes
 10:40—Appointment of committees
 10:45—Roll call of churches
 11:00—Congregational singing, led by *Clarence Bowen*
 11:30—Sermon, *Rev. J. C. Griffin*
 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, *Mrs. S. H. Swain*
 1:15—Report of committees
 1:45—Treasurer's report
 2:00—Business
 2:30—Petitions for next Union—Adjournment

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Boys and Girls Corner

"Jimmy"

The smallest newsboy on the street was named Jimmy. His father, a ne'er do well, had been drinking heavily and had not been home within a fortnight. Jimmy was sitting beside the cot of his sick mother. The clock in the tower of the city hall had just struck twelve. Suddenly his mother was taken with a fit of violent coughing. Jimmy ran to the kitchen for a cup of water, but when he returned his mother lay there so white and still that in his fright he ran out into the corridor and called. Presently a stout, red-faced woman appeared on the landing overhead and to her Jimmy, between sobs, broke the news. The doctor said his mother had had a hemorrhage and died. Soon kind hands were busy in the poorly furnished apartment. Jimmy's mother was laid in a long black covered box and buried in Potter's field.

That night Jimmy slept on the hard floor between a length of badly worn rag carpet. When the morning dawned his father stood over him and said: "Now look a here, Jimmy; yer plenty big enough, d'yer hear? Yer plenty big enough ter paddle yer own canoe." These were his parting words. Jimmy never saw that bloated face empurpled by many an evil debauch. Perhaps it was just as well. Repeating over and over again the words, "Yer kin paddle yer own canoe," he went forth into the streets. "Dad said I'd haf ter an' I kin too." Down on Vesey street at the Newsboys' Lodge Jimmy got the wherewithal to start him in business and by nine o'clock on a frosty November morning his voice rang out clear and strong, "Paper, mister; paper, mister!"

Several years had passed in this way when one day just two weeks before Christmas, something happened that changed Jimmy's whole life. Jimmy had sold his last paper

and started for "Old Casey's" shop for a bit of lunch. Suddenly he saw the men on the street running. He glanced down the avenue. Dense smoke was pouring from one of the cheap hotels on the Bowery of New York. Now and then a tongue of flame darted from the windows of the third floor. Above the hoarse shouts of the crowd Jimmy heard the rattle and clang of trucks and the shrieking sirens as they responded to the alarm. A lieutenant rushed to the signal box on the corner to send in a second alarm. All this Jimmy noticed, and then he saw a middle-aged gentleman alight from one of the cars near the corner and assist a handsomely gowned lady and a slight, golden-haired girl of seven or eight years to the ground. Evidently the gentleman believed it safe now to cross with his charges to the curb, and in the confusion did not hear the noise of the apparatus responding to the second alarm.

Jimmy recognized the man as Judge Ralston, one of his patrons, and smilingly raised his cap, but that smile was changed into a look of horror as he saw the child run ahead of her parents and rush directly in the path of the approaching fire engine. Jimmy rescued her in time and in doing so he himself was badly hurt and rendered unconscious. When he again opened his eyes he was lying in a nice white bed and a white-capped nurse was standing near. Jimmy looked wonderingly from the nurse to the white bed in which he lay. Then he went to sleep. When he awoke Mrs. Ralston was sitting by the side of his bed. She kissed him and said: "Do you know me? I'm little Anita's mother."

"Oh," he said, "Oh!"

"It makes my heart ache to know that you must suffer all this through your saving the life of my child."

"It's all right, Missus; don't mind me. I ain't got nobody in the world that'll feel bad."

Christmas day had come and Jimmy found himself in a big chair with his leg on a padded stool in

the judge's sitting room. "Jimmy," said Mrs. Ralston, "how would you like us for your Christmas gift?"

"Yes," said the judge, "in payment for your heroic act and to fill the vacancy in our home caused by the death of our only son."

All that Jimmy could say at that moment was "Oh! Oh!"

While dinner was being prepared Jimmy reflected on the weary past with the abusive words and blows, the hunger, the wet, the cold and neglect. The present was so lovely it seemed like a dream.

Jimmy folded his hands as Judge Ralston asked the blessing, and then looking up he suddenly found words of expression, "Oh, God," he exclaimed, "you are so good and I am so happy now!"—*Selected by Annie Wells.*

No Baptist Next Week

We are notifying the Baptist readers that we will not get out the Baptist paper next week. As has been the custom for years, the week Christmas Day comes in the Baptist is not printed.—*Editor.*

Galatia, Illinois

Dear Co-Workers:

We have just closed a wonderful revival with Brother and Sister Pat Lairsey and the church here in Herrin, Illinois. We had victory from the start. We met Brother and Sister C. E. Lowery whom we met years ago in Blockton, Alabama. They are living in Herrin, and her brother was one of the first converts in the meeting.

The weather was fine during the meeting. There were 42 conversions, and over 30 who were reclaimed and added to the church.

Twenty were for baptism. God surely manifested His wonderful power all through the meeting. We have some good workers in the church here, and the pastor and his wife are great workers with the young people. They have a fine league, and they will begin using our literature soon. We have found our Illinois brethren with a fine lineup for the National Association which will meet in July. They have their delegation all ready to go, and join, praise the Lord.

We are now at Galatia, or near there with Brother W. M. Jones, at the Union Grove Church where we had a short meeting last year. We have had two converts, and one reclaimed, and we are looking for a great revival before it closes. We have just received seven dollars from the women of the Open Pond Church of Jakin, Georgia, for the National Mission work. Come on women, and if you have any Chicken Money, send it to Brother M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, North Carolina.

We are thanking God for the dear women and what they are doing for the work. Pray for us here that God will give us a great victory in our meeting, and that many souls will be saved.

Yours for Jesus,
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

Rev. Styron Passes

Rev. S. H. Styron died at his home in Pine Level on Sunday morning, December the seventeenth. He had been critically ill for several months with cancer. Some weeks ago he took special treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and later returned home to go to Duke Hospital in Durham for treatment. All was done for him that the best doctors in the two hospitals could do for him. Special nurses, his loving family, and his devoted friends did all they could for him during the entire period of his serious illness, but the disease continued its course until it took his life.

The funeral was conducted on Monday afternoon in his home church in Pine Level. A very large concourse of friends far and near attended the solemn services. A large number of his brother ministers were present, and spoke tenderly words of praise of his noble services which he had rendered in the ministry for the cause of Christ, and of the love which he had shown for his fellow-man during his gospel ministry. Very appropriate and feelingful music was rendered by a number of his very dear friends, which impressed the hearts of the large congregation of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The interment was in the Pine Level Cemetery. The large number of beautiful flowers covered the mound that marks the resting place of his remains, and represent the tokens of love and esteem which his many friends and loved ones held for him. That spot will be long remembered as the place where a noble son of God was laid to rest to await the Great Day of the coming of the Lord.—*Editor.*

Notice to Directors of Stewardship

The course of study in Stewardship for the next six months will be the book "Old Pictures in Modern Frames" by J. T. Riddick. It may be secured from Mrs. D. C. Barbee 1007 West Trinity Avenue, Durham, N. C. for 25 cents plus postage. Please secure this book immediately and begin this study, taking one chapter each month.

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Georgie Frost Barnes,
National Director

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Notice to Church Clerks

We are calling attention to the church clerks of the Eastern North Carolina Association that we have mailed the recently published Minutes of the Eastern Association to the clerks of the several churches in the association. For fear that some may have changed postoffice addresses since the minutes were taken and sent in to us for publication, and also for fear that some of the street numbers and rural route numbers were not correct in the minutes, we are asking the clerks to be sure to call at the postoffice for their copies if they do not receive them in a few days.—*Business Manager.*

Elder Phillips Sends Greetings

Elder E. T. Phillips sends greetings to his friends and the many Baptist readers. He is wishing a merry Christmas and a happy new year to everyone.

He is still confined to his bed, unable to get up or to sit up in his chair. He can at times look at the paper for just a short time, but not able to do very little reading. Mrs. Phillips reads over the Baptist for him each week as he likes to know what the contributors are sending in from the various churches.

He is very desirous that his friends remember him during this Christmas season with cards, letters, and tokens of love and fond remembrance to comfort and bring joy to his heart. Often he is lonely and desires his friends to call by to see him for a short conversation. His interest in the work of the church is still very keen, and he frequently speaks of desiring to see many of his friends.—*Editor.*

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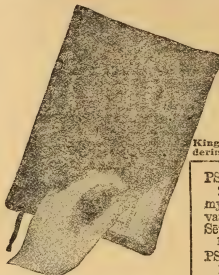
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If you could not do well some task,
You'd not wake up each morn!

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Christmas 1938

By Laura Belle Barnard

The days just preceding Christmas are always packed full of preparations, and these days with us were no exception to the rule. Long before Christmas the teachers in school might be caught "borrowing" time from classes in order to practice the songs the children were to sing at the Christmas service, or to learn new Scripture verses, or even to rehearse the little playlet to be given as a part of the program. And of course the children never felt it was a hardship to give up classes for anything that carried with it the least suggestion of Christmas. Little groups gathered here and there before school hours or at recess, discussed with keen anticipation the plan for Christmas, each one recalling the previous year's doings and commenting on them in their own typical way, wondering whether such-and-such thing will be as it was before, whether so-and-so will come, whether Missiamma will wear a sari, whether the presents (ah, happy thought!) will be nice like they were last year, and what those kind people look like who send out presents from a far-country! And, of course, every girl—be she large or small—hopes she'll get a doll! Such conversations were overheard during the pre-Christmas days. In the Bible classes at school special emphasis was laid on the Christmas message, Christmas stories were read or told and discussed, and all had entered into the real spirit of Christmas. The very last days witnessed decorations going up everywhere. With colored papers, chains were made to drape across the schoolrooms, pictures of shepherds, the manger, the wise men and other Christmas scenes were placed on the walls. The young teacher made from colored paper a large chandelier in the shape of a star, and this was a favorite feature of our decorations. Some how

when Christmas comes—it is the same the world over—the spirit of "good-will" prevails, everybody is helpful and eager to sacrifice time, strength, pleasure and everything for the sheer joy of entering wholeheartedly into the swing of Christmas activities. So it was with teachers and pupils in our school. All wanted to feel they had done a full share in all the preparations. In this spirit we came to the big day.

A small schoolroom is not adequate to hold a big Christmas celebration which we hope to be attended not only by the parents of all the children but by every single inhabitant of several small sweeper villages. So the Kotagiri Union Hall committee were willing to lend us the Hall for our service. It is large and not far away. And what if it were far away. Surely at Christmas time all would come, though it were far away. The tree was cut and hoisted in the church and embellishments rapidly found their places on its shapely branches. Shiny tinsel, brilliantly colored balls and the usual ornamentations were hung on, until the tree was, to us at least, the loveliest ever seen! The large star was brought from the school room, hung near the tree and a large candle placed inside so that it reminded us of the "star of royal beauty bright." So our stage was set.

The drama itself begins as the first shades of evening are detected, for eager children—hearts cannot wait until full dark, much less until the set time for the program. So when the sun had fully hidden itself behind our beautiful hills the children began to wend their way up from the valley to the church. Slowly, to be sure, for they realize they are far too early and are likely to be scolded for it. But anyhow it's worth the risk, and besides, no one

could get very angry at this blessed Christmas season! And then as the evening wears away and the night draws on, the stream of multi-colored saris and ribbons, blankets and turbans (to say nothing of the highly colored coats men of the East delight to wear) becomes continuous and the church is filled with a people who are very dear to our hearts. The decorations in the church were only the tree and the star, as described above, but the ornaments that counted most were the lovely boys and girls, clean and prettily dressed. They are the very poorest class, remember, and cannot wear finery, but they were the best they could produce, you may be sure. And there was one thing which one and all did have and have in full measure, and that was happiness! And in this joy it was evident that old and young shared alike. It is difficult to persuade folks to attend ordinary services. Some have to watch the baby, others have to cook the rice, still others must go to work, and every excuse imaginable is offered. But somehow on this occasion the small babies could be brought along, the lame could hobble and come, the rice could wait until a later hour, and bread-winners could get leave from work to attend the Christmas tree service. Thus our borrowed church was filled.

The program begins with "O, Come, all ye Faithful." And if ever a group sang it more vehemently, I cannot remember hearing it! Then followed the usual appropriate Christmas songs, Scripture passages and single verses given from memory. From four- and five-year olds standing in a semi-circle reciting "Glory to God in the highest . . ." or singing "Once a little Baby lay . . ." to the twelve- and thirteen-year old boys and girls singing,

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EDITORIAL

New Year's Opportunities

Is your church just what it should be? Has it reached the standards which you wish it to have? If not, what can you do during the year 1940 to make it more effective in your community? Ask yourself the question, *Your Church* What is my talent for religious work, and what should I do to better the conditions in my church?

There is always opportunity for improvement of the average local church. The disinterested members probably need encouragement, the non-church members in the community would gladly welcome occasional visits from loyal church workers, the children could be invited to attend Sunday School, the young people would appreciate help and co-operation in their fellowship groups and in the league work. There is always room at the top for greater religious activities in the local church.

You and your neighbors, and your neighbors' friends, in your church and community, can single out definite things which you as group workers can do for your church during the year 1940. Your church may need painting, better furniture, new Sunday School accommodations, the grounds to be cleaned up, shrubbery to be set, walkways to be well arranged, and other worthwhile things that should be done. Christian education, superannuation, missions, orphanage needs would make fine opportunities for real service. Yes, all these things that concern the church might be interesting to you and your church people to do more during the new year than you have done during the one which has just closed.

Your church is the guiding light in your community. Is it really that? That is its purpose—to point

the way to righteous living and eternal salvation. Is it really fulfilling its mission in the truest sense of the word? If not, then who is responsible? Do you leave it all to your pastor, the Ladies Aid, the young leaguers, or to the faithful few? Your opportunity is yours, and God is expecting you to use it wisely for His glory. Your talent was given you for proper use, and so were those of your near-by friends. God pays royal dividends for talents used well in the cause of righteousness. Your opportunity for the strengthening your church is your chance to do something, be it little or large, that will benefit your community when your task is done.

Much depends upon the way people look upon things as to the way they react toward certain situations in life. The desire to do certain things is the key to worthwhile things well performed. There is much truth in the old adage: "Where there's a will there's a way." Your heart's desire for your church and community, as viewed from greater Christian service, will be accomplished through your will to do and the co-operation of your church friends.

It is true, often the way looks hard, the means limited, the interest of the majority secondary, and the helpers few, but, within the bounds of reason and good judgment, the way will be made plain. God has promised to be with His faithful ones. Even great difficulties are overcome by those who will meet the challenge with hearts full of zeal, and wills set to reach the goals mapped out before them. Your church will be, during the year 1940, what you and others of the church and community seek to have it become by your loyalty and sincere devotions to the cause of right-

eousness. Time and effort, coupled with the will to reach the goal, will bring about greater work in your church for the new year than possibly you witnessed in it last year. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

What are you planning to do, at the beginning of the new year, to make your church a better church? What can you plan with your fellow-church members to make it a better church for 1940? Will you pledge yourself to be a channel of blessing to your church and your good neighbors in your community? What you do for the glory of the Lord will benefit others and bring you great joy. Your Christian deeds, great or small, will help your church to do better its work in the community, and to bring greater good to others for your loyal service. You have an influence and may it be made to glorify God by your readiness to go forward, and be a shining light in your church and community.

Your words of encouragement may become the means of directing some careless ones to the church services, the cause of others taking part in the Sunday School, and the result of still others being willing to give their support of the Gospel. Your hands, with the aid of others, may become the means of making your church look better, and becoming a more attractive place for worship. Your gifts, added to those of great many others, can better support the ministry, strengthen the orphanages, send missionaries to the foreign fields, build church schools, care for the widows—all for the glory of God. Let us hope, therefore, that the new year holds in store for each of us golden opportunities which we will seek to do in carrying forward the great cause of righteousness.

Our duties are to the generation which is living, and to the generations which are to come into life. It is a living faith, and not a dead one, that yields beneficent fruits.—Wm. H. Seward.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

One of Our Greatest Losses—

One of the greatest losses in the passing of men from our church to the great beyond was on Sunday December the seventeenth when the spirit of Brother S. H. Styron, of Pine Level, N. C., took its flight from the earthly tabernacle in which it had resided for near one half century. Truly, Rev. S. H. Styron was one of the most efficient, consecrated, energetic, zealous ministers to be found. Our denomination will greatly miss his wise counsel in our deliberations in a general way and his local work and community will suffer greatly because of his going. But we believe that our loss is his eternal gain. May God bless the work that has been so well started by this man of God and may all of us live as he would have us to live and accomplish what he would have us to accomplish. May God bless his wife and children in a special way, is our prayer.

A Bit of History—When writing about the "adoption of the name Free Will Baptist" some time ago, I did not know the exact date at that time as to the adoption of the name, however, I find that Elder Elias Hutchins, of Dover, New Hampshire, says, "We were called Ana-Baptist, and General Baptist until the year of 1728 when we adopted the name Free Will Baptist."—*North Carolina History*.

Why Have We Grown So Slowly?—I have been asked the question, "Why have we grown so slowly?" This is a very important question. I have thought a great deal about the matter. And I have reached the conclusion that there are several reasons for our slow growth.

First, our church has been largely a rural work, therefore, it has been a poor church as the wealth of the country is largely in the great cities.

Second, a great many of the members of our church on going to the cities and towns, where we had no church have taken membership with other denominations, therefore, we find that some of the most efficient, hard working, and some of the most wealthy of the leading churches in the cities, were reared in the country in Free Will Baptist homes, thus the city church has received a blessing from our Free Will Baptist church in the rural districts, however, we have suffered the loss denominationally speaking.

Thirdly, our church in North Carolina and in the South at large has failed to build educational institutions—partly on the account of being poor, and largely on the account of neglect—therefore by sending our children to other denominational colleges they have been proselyted and we have suffered the loss, a loss that is still going on.

Fourth, in a general way, according to history, especially in North Carolina the Free Will Baptist church has been the most proselyted people that we have any record of. Seemingly our people are the most easily led off after every thing that is called religion. We told you some time ago about the "Sixteen original Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina." Well the most of these were proselyted by other denominations. Only three of the number stood, and we have good reason to say, that these stood because they had a few strong efficient ministers who were able to present the Gospel of Christ as taught and believed by the Free Will Baptists. Since that time, I have been observing that we have lost about thirty-five or forty churches from the Original Free Will Baptist church.

Fifth, there is another class who at one time were members of the Free Baptist church and upon moving to the city, or upon getting up in certain society circles or getting hold of this world's goods, the Free Will Baptist church was too small for them and they left to enjoy the

wealth of others, instead of consecrating themselves and their wealth to the glory of God and the church which they seemingly loved in former years.

Sixth, notwithstanding our church doctrine includes *missions*, many of our ministers have failed to preach and encourage Foreign and Home missions as they should, therefore, the work has failed to grow as it should.

Seventh, this is one of the big reasons those of us who have had money and blessed with abundance of this world's goods have been too tight-fisted and failed to give to the spread of the Gospel of Christ, so that the God-called minister could devote his whole time to the work of the ministry, therefore, being bound to work to support his family and preach what he could under great difficulties, the growth has been slow.

Eighth, last and by no means the least, we have been too much *divided*. Too many have "kicked-out" when they could not "kick-in." Here and there throughout the country are little associations — isolated from other bodies—and because of some little difference in church operations, they choose to stay in their own little realm instead of *uniting* with the church as a whole and being cemented together for the advancement of the church as a whole.

BUT ARE WE GROWING? I will answer this question next week if it is the Lord's will.

Our Heart Felt Thanks — We want to extend to every one who has remembered us during Christmas with such lovely cards, and nice presents, our heart felt *thanks* with all of our *Christian love*. Too, God has so wonderfully blessed us with health and physical strength. Last Christmas we were shut in. This Christmas we were able to preach. *Praise the Lord.*



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The New Year

By C. J. Harris

The year 1939 has gone into history. It will be a year long remembered by war torn Europe. But in this article we shall endeavor to leave in the past the untold suffering of humanity, and the uncalled for wars among the nations. The neglect of God's Word is the cause of such wars and so much suffering. Let us thank God and take courage.

God has graciously permitted us to round out another year, and we are now standing on the threshold of a new year. Is it because we are so valuable? No man will say that he accomplished all he planned at the beginning of the year. If honest, he will confess that he fell short of his intentions, and worse than all many times he was faulty, even sinful. What a pity!

Most folks expect so much from God. Each day they count not only sustenance, but luxury and pleasure as well, feeling cheated if they do not get all desired. If they fall sick they call mightily on God to be healed. For what? Is it to work harder for Him? Is it not rather an instinctive fear of death and a love for those pleasures to which they have become accustomed? They are no doubt considering themselves mostly.

I think it time for us to right about face, and take a different outlook. Should we not wonder how we may serve the Lord this year? It is well to plan carefully for our employment for Him, because, do and wish as we will, it is inevitable that as in other years we shall fail to reach our ideals. Nay, it is probable that we before the first week is ended we will at least have cracked most of our newly made resolutions. This does not mean that we have failed, just slipped a little. Christian character is not builded in like Aladdin's palace. Rather, it is like a grand cathedral, erected one stone at a time, it takes years in the building. Mistakes are made in the workmanship that must be corrected, but when at last the thing is accomplished and the building rises in

its beauty, its walls resound to chants and praises sung to God. "Let us then be up and doing."

Some people build the houses of their souls faster than do others. Often in looking at some man who has done larger things and developed stronger character, we are inclined to belittle our own efforts. God has a purpose in keeping us on earth. What we may do may prove to be important in His business. It is foolish to pay too much to our failures if we are conscientiously striving to do our best. Instead, it would be well to fix our eyes on the pattern given us by God in His son Jesus. So long as we are doing our level best we are fulfilling our mission. Our bit may seem insignificant by that of other men, but how do we know the way God sets values?

Though we may come short this year and next, we must be sure that each year has added to our strength, and that for the coming one we have a higher goal than we had in the past. It is our duty to strive to grow some new wood each year. Our lives should show a growth in character. Each new year should have the promise of greater deeds than ever before, even though our resolutions be the same as always. Suppose we adopt the following resolution for the year 1940. "This year I put myself in God's hands to use as He will, and I will do my best at the task assigned me." For this year I am stronger for having used my talent last year. The following lines are peculiarly appropriate for a

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

"The winding ways of our yesterday

Were aglow with God's good cheer,

So we turn to face with a smiling grace

The paths of another year.

For He leads aright though the dark and the light

To the land of the deal we know,
And no ill betides wherver He guides,

As on through the years we go."

Summary of the Class Meeting

We, the Adult class of Union Grove Sunday School, have completed the year 1939 monthly meetings, ending December 14. It is my privilege to point out some of the outstanding things accomplished during this year.

First of all, we as the Bible class have been greatly benefitted by having such a good teacher, Mr. Preston Valentine. Bible teaching and evangelism are so closely related that one cannot separate them. Then, our president, Mrs. Bertha Morris, has done everything she could to promote the kingdom of God by being our leader, and trying to make our class an outstanding one. Also the co-operation of the members of our class, for no class can progress without co-operation.

The outstanding accomplishments in all of our minds materially are the things we have done in helping to build our Sunday School rooms. Our class has been responsible for the Cradle Roll department, and through the funds of the class this department has been furnished. Mr. Dalma Johnston made the tables. Through general funds an oil heater was furnished, and other members gave cash and chickens to buy the chairs.

The Treasurer's report by monthly collections is as follows: January, \$1.02; February, .77; March, .42; April, .44; May, .30; July, .39; October, .42; November, .70; total \$4.36. We have spent for cards, stamps, roll book and other little things which the class needed \$3.52, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$.84.

In Jan. 1939, at our class meeting, a move was made for all who would to keep up with their Sunday eggs. In February \$2.22 was paid; March \$1.70; April \$1.75; May \$1.65; July \$2.38; the total was \$9.70. We used \$1.50 of this money for the Cradle Roll department. The class paid in \$11.24 for Sunday School rooms. The money for chickens collected by Mrs. Cora Fulghum amounted to

\$14, and the money for chickens which was brought Mrs. D. B. Morris store by members of Union Grove Church, and by the neighbors was \$10.71, making the total money for the chickens in all \$50.01.

The Successful Bible class must have a well balanced special program. Our class decided to have a social every three months. This year's social activities consisted of a fellowship supper, an oyster roast and a picnic.

Some of the ways that a class may bring good cheers to the sick room is through flowers, cards, trays and visits. Our class has responded to this as follows: 488 visits made; 53 flowers sent; 75 trays; and sent approximately 100 cards.

Surely, Union Grove will need our loving and prayerful assistance for another year, so let each of us do our best.

Mrs. Edgar Morris, Sec'y.

Educational Board of the Central Conference Meets

The Educational Board of the North Carolina Central Conference met in session in Ayden, December 21, 1939, and, pursuant to the wishes of the Conference as expressed while in session at Black Jack Church last November, arranged to launch and urge a campaign to raise 15c per capita member, throughout the Conference during the months of January and February, 1940; the same to be applied to the National Educational Fund.

The time for the campaign to begin will have come before you read this announcement in *The Free Will Baptist*. It is hoped that all our pastors and churches will enter into this campaign whole-heartedly. Let us take the matter up without delay, and, as the people did in Nehemiah's day, set about the task with a *mind to work*. It is a small matter when thought of in terms of individual efforts, but it is very significant when thought of in terms of general co-operation, and will mean much in the sum total of advantages gained for Christian education. May we

unite our efforts in this matter and strive earnestly to put this thing over to the advantage of the Kingdom work of our Christ and to the glory of our heavenly Father.

To the ministers, let us say, we are not corresponding directly with you because many of you are pastoring churches outside of the bounds of our Conference, and many ministers of other associations are pastoring churches which belong to our Conference. This makes it well-nigh impossible to make a complete and satisfactory contact as we would like to make.

To the churches, let us say, we are preparing to correspond with you very soon. A letter will be mailed to the clerk of each church. Will you take the matter up with your pastor immediately and help put this thing over whole-heartedly for the praise and glory of God? It appears that if we would uphold and upbuild the Kingdom work of our Christ in this age we must do something about teaching and training men and women for true service in His cause. Let us take advantage of this opportunity. and co-operate with our National Body in a campaign for Christian education.

Levi Hill, *Chairman*,

J. E. Wooten, *Secretary*

Jots and Dots

By J. E. Ingalls

I wish each one who thinks the Lord has any special pets among His people, or has predestinated any certain people to glory and any certain people to destruction, regardless of what they do, would read Revelation 2:23. That should change their minds.

Now, if you do not want to be guilty of making the Lord sick, please read Revelation 3:16. I do not like lukewarm coffee, and the Lord does not like lukewarm Christians. May I suggest that you either warm up or cool off. But the Lord and also I would rather you get up more steam.

Does any of you ever have anyone to stop at your home and play for you a sermon from a phonograph record? Also do you have them to try to sell you literature? I have read some of their books, but I cannot get some of their books to harmonize with the Bible. Let us read Second John and the tenth verse and take the instructions laid down there for us. Read another scripture, First John 4:1, which says, "Try the spirits whether they are of God." Yes, I have tried them, and as I have said above, I cannot get them to harmonize.

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We will now read Second Peter 3:8, where he says that one day with the Lord is the same as a thousand years, and a thousand years the same as one day. This may sound like a bit of new doctrine, but let us consider it carefully, and see if it has not a good foundation. The Lord was six days making the world and the things therein, and He rested the seventh day. My Bible gives a schedule of 1856 years from creation till the Flood, and from the Flood till the coming of Christ 2118 years, which makes 3974 years from creation till Christ. Now add the 1939 years from the birth of Christ to the present time to the 3974 years before Christ, and you will have a grand total of 5913 years. Sometime in the future we are looking for a thousand years Millennial period.

The Bible says that we will not know the day nor the hour when the Son of man shall return. St. Matthew 24:32 says, "When the fig tree puts forth leaves we know summer is near or is nigh." Read Matthew 24:7. These represent the leaves on the fig tree. It will be better to read the entire chapter, for you will find several leaves on the tree, most full grown leaves.

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With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, . . . let us strive to all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all.—Abraham Lincoln.

Benton, Illinois

Dear Baptist Readers:

I take great pleasure to write something concerning my church. I am pastor of Herrin Free Will Baptist Church at Benton, Illinois. We have closed a four week's meeting with 43 conversions. Mrs. McAdams was the evangelist.

We had a wonderful revival. There were 26 additions to the church which will be of interest to many I hope. More than this, however, and getting to the point, we have a very fine young people's organization with at least sixty members, and we wish to have some of the samples of your Young People's League literature. There is a very great work here to be done among the young people, if we can strike upon the right plan.

I have full time at my church, and I would like to organize a county-wide young people's league in Williamson County. The Quarterly conference has twelve churches in it, and there is a fine opportunity for a splendid organization of the young people in league work. I have been preaching for twenty years, and have the young people at heart. May God bless all of the good work.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Pat Lairsey

Ballard Back in Greenville

We are back with the dear folk of Greenville after an absence of twelve years. Many of the old friends are still here, and the new ones we have met seem to be of the same kind.

Our reception was indeed encouraging. We arrived last Saturday night, and we had not been in town but a few minutes when we began receiving telephone calls from some of the folk, and although we were tired from a long day's journey, we nevertheless enjoyed visiting until late bed time. On Sunday morning 166 bright students greeted us at the Sunday School, and the morning and evening services were well at-

tended by dear ones we had known in other years, with a large addition of new friends. We received from all of them the warm hand of fellowship and welcome.

On Monday we attended the funeral of dear Brother Styron at Pine Level. It was indeed a sad occasion, but we did have the privilege of meeting numbers of old friends, both among the ministers, and laity and our hearts were made glad at the meeting.

Tuesday morning we visited our publishing house at Ayden, and enjoyed for a while the fellowship of Brothers Spencer, Wooten and Dunn. These faithful servants of our church are all looking up in their vision, and we feel that they are indeed the very ones to have the responsibility placed upon them by our denomination.

We desire the prayers of our friends everywhere for our work in Greenville. Our address will be for the present P. O. Box 212, Greenville, North Carolina in case anyone should wish to correspond with us.

Loy E. Ballard

A Letter of Thanks

By J. A. Ringgold

Dear Friends:

I wish to express my very deep appreciations for the joyous Christmas and the cards which I have received from churches and friends, and the gift from the Superannuation Fund. I want to give thanks for all things in the name of the Lord.

Brother J. C. Griffin has said that there are things that are strictly worldly and have no material benefit. Things that we are taught by God's Word to leave off we must not do. Those who are wise are those who seek the friendship of God. We must seek them through the gospel. How may we walk with the wise? We can do this by cherishing their principles, by cultivating their society. There is influence in conversation, and there is the promise of God for those who walk with the wise, and keep good example.

The fate of fools is certain, those who occupy their time with trifles, such as men who neglect important truths and realities. Men who do not prepare for great and worthwhile things are sure to fail. We are cautioned to walk not with fools. We should not take their example by reading their books and practicing their vices. When we do share in their pretenses of goodness and their everlasting doom, we must expect the same condemnation. People have no right to make fools of themselves. The good deeds will repay good in return. Misery grows out of sin, but happiness out of goodness.

It Was a Merry Christmas

The Lord has given us another gleeful Christmas. We do not know that our nation shall again enjoy a great Yuletide. With the clouds of war rising higher and higher in the foreign horizons, we are awakened to the fact that the probability of looking forward to further happy seasons is fading. We pray and hope, however, that this dreadful contagion of war will be checked. God alone can stay the spread thereof.

Hence, how have we enjoyed this Christmas? Has it been a splendid one because of interchanging gifts, or has it gone deeper than that? The Gift of all gifts is the Christ-child. I am glad that I have been made a recipient of this Gift! And as the wise men presented their meaningful gifts to the Lord, so I desire to present my life to Him.

The Lord blessed our Christmas service last Sunday morning in a glorious way. During the invitation hour a man came forward with tears; streaming down his face, shouting his confession of having experienced this peace to the extent that we ceased to sing before finishing the first stanza. He is about fifty years old and his name is Nicholson. This will be of special interest to Brother K. V. Shutes who invited him diligently during his pastorate here.

Mr. Nicholson had come to my home the previous Monday to tell me what had taken place in his heart. Since this congregation had long prayed for him, we can readily realize that not a few tears were shed with him Sunday morning. Indeed it was a merry Christmas!

But that was not the entirety of this happy hour. Another brother came to place his affiliation with our church. He came from the Methodist Church. He has been a minister for many years. He is Rev. L. B. Hankins, a cousin to Rev. M. L. Hollis. His open confession backed by his convictions was accepted with much joy.

I have learned to love and appreciate Bro. Hankins very much. For the time being he intends to go into the evangelistic field. Brother Hankins is blessed with a fine vocabulary, having attained the M. A. degree. He is a fluent speaker. The most impressive characteristic in the midst of all these traits is that he is sincere in his messages. He spends no time in frivolous preaching. Dear fellow-ministers, if the Holy Spirit leads you to such a decision, may I recommend Brother Hankins to you for evangelistic work. May we all extend to him a brotherly welcome to our denomination and thus support him in spreading the blessed Gospel.

Wishing one and all a successful New Year, I am,

By His wonderful grace,
J. R. Warkentin

Notice

This is to notify the church clerks of the Cape Fear and the Western North Carolina associations that the Annual Minutes are being mailed out to them from the Press. Should some fail to receive their bundles right away, we advise that they call at the postoffice for them. It might be that some of the addresses in the minutes were handed in incorrectly. —Business Manager.

SELECTED THOUGHTS FROM WENDELL PHILLIPS

God gives manhood but one clue to success,—utter and exact justice, that He guarantees shall be always expediency. . . Tyranny sours more than suffering. . . The cowardice that yields to threats invites them. . . I do not acknowledge the motto, in its full significance: "Our coun-

try, right or wrong." If you let it trespass on the domain of morals, it is knavish. . . It is for us to be wise in our time, that posterity shall remember us for some peculiar improvement upon the institutions of our fathers. . . Mose men see facts, not with their eyes, but their prejudices. . . Experience proves that popular governments are the best protectors of life and property.

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playing table very attractive to the players. There are also printed 120 smaller cards (1½x2 inches). Each player is given one of the large cards (or more if agreed). If there are any left over they are placed face up in the center or to one side of the table in "Elijah's Place." All fifteen cards should be used.

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Fifty pelted had.
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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ROSE BOWEN, *President*

National Auxiliary Convention,

2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Annual Aid Report of Winter Green Church, 1939

Our Ladies Aid Society met once a month at the church. The following is the report for the year:

Number members on roll	-----12
Average attendance	-----8
New members	-----2
Monthly dues	-----\$17.75
Birthday dues	-----2.61
Raised by other ways	-----3.97
Brooms	-----6.45
Money raised in Dollar and Dime books	-----24.10
Total	-----\$55.88
On hand Sept. 1938	-----79.14
Grand total	-----\$135.02

Disbursements

To missions	-----\$ 5.00
For baskets	-----4.50
To the Orphanage	-----2.09
To disabled ministers	-----1.50
To the Convention	-----2.00
For Program Books	-----3.70
For nails for new Church Building	-----4.00
For presents	-----3.21
Paid on the New Building	-----104.70

Total paid out	-----\$130.70
Balance in Treasury	-----\$ 4.32

Activities

Sick visits made	-----312
Chapters read in the Bible	-----970
Quarts of milk given away	-----60
Flowers given the sick	-----15
Baskets taken to the sick	-----6
Trays taken to the sick	-----6
Our New Year Plan for raising money is (suggested) the use of Holiday Plates, Birthday dues, and Gift Boxes.	

Mrs. G. W. Adams, *Secretary*

Sidney Aid Report

Our Aid society met at the church on December 14 for our regular monthly meeting. It was called to order by Mrs. Katie Roper who is the president. The members sang for the opening hymn number 30 in the church hymnal, and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert.

The secretary called the roll with twelve members answering to their names. There were two visitors present. The dues paid in were \$1.90, and the free-will offering was \$8.65.

The following activities were entered into during the month: 5 sick visits made; one tray taken to the sick; 151 chapters read in the Bible. Our president put it before the society that we send to the Orphanage at Middlesex \$5.00. It was carried, and then there being no further business, the society adjourned by the secretary pronouncing the benediction. We will meet again in January 12, 1940, at the church.

The hostess served hot chocolate and cakes.

Mrs. Laura Hill, *Cor-Secy.*

"Somebody"

Somebody loves you when you are weary,

Somebody loves you when you are strong;

Always is waiting to help you,

Watching you among the throng.

Needing His friendship so greatly,
Needing His watchcare so true;

His name? We call His name Jesus.
His people? Just I and just you.

Mrs. Luby Measley,
La Grange, N. C.

Shiloh Aid Report

Our Aid society met on Friday night, December 8, at the home of Mrs. J. F. Foreman. The meeting was called to order with song and prayer, and two chapters of Mark's Gospel were read. Then the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with six members answering present to their names. Two new members were added to the roll. The collection in dues amounted to \$.95.

There were six visits made to the sick; one bag of fruit was given to the needy; and two flower designs were taken to the sick. There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed with a song and the benediction was offered by Mrs. Johnnie Latham.

The Aid will meet next month, on January 12, with Mrs. Johnnie Latham. The hostess served fruit salad, topped with whipped cream and cakes.

Mrs. Leslie Woolard

Aid Report of Reedy Branch Church

Our Aid meets the First Sunday night in each month. After the business session, we have a program, consisting of readings by the members. We have been keeping record of the Bible chapters read, and the personal service for just one month. Much more work of this kind has been done than is reported.

We have made a quilt and have sent it to the Orphanage, and we hope to do more in the future, as we are gaining members. Interest seems to be growing all the while. The following is a report for the past year:

Number of members	-----19
New members	-----5
Sick visits made	-----31
Number of chapters read in the Bible	-----432
Amount of dues raised	-----\$15.20
Birthday collections	-----4.83
Value of Sunday eggs	-----3.60
Raised from brooms and sponges sold	-----16.50

Money from gifts -----	3.00
Missions -----	8.68
Amount brought over from last year -----	11.20
Total -----	\$63.01

Expenditures

To the Orphanage -----	\$13.03
To charity -----	12.50
For missions -----	8.68
For brooms -----	21.25
Sent to the Convention -----	4.50
For literature -----	1.20
For stove polish -----	.30

Total expenditures ----- \$61.46

Balance on hand ----- 1.55

Mrs. Pearl Moye, *President*,

Mrs. R. L. Worthington,

Secretary

Spring Hill Aid News

Our Ladies Aid met on the First Sunday afternoon, December 3. On the account of sickness, we had only ten members present. Our members have read 32 chapters in the Bible, have made six visits, sent two potted plants to the sick, and have taken two trays to the sick.

Our pastor, as some already know, is attending school at Campbell College. We wanted to do something to help him, so we gave him ten dollars to help him to buy a suit, for which he was very grateful.

We truly hope that Brother Bowen will be very successful in going to school, because he wants to do what the Lord will have him do. We want you all to pray for us at Spring Hill.

Yours in Christ,

(Miss) Margaret Allen

Deep Run Ladies Aid

In December, the Deep Run Ladies Aid met with Mrs. John Harper. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Whitford Hill, who was also devotional leader. The business was entered into, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then the secretary called the roll with nine members present, and one visitor present. The dues and the Sunday eggs amounted to \$3.00.

The Aid decided to give some Christmas boxes for two needy families. A card was read by the secretary, Mrs. John Harper, from Mr. Tyson, thanking the Aid for the \$20 dollars worth of clothing which the Aid sent to our adopted girl, and for 13 dollars worth of donated commodities.

We set a day for the purpose of giving our church a thorough cleaning. After the expense of furniture polish, lamp mantles, etc. were taken out, the treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$12.05. There being no further business the meeting closed with Mrs. E. C. Taylor pronouncing the benediction.

The Aid will meet again on December 21 with Mrs. Elton Harper. After the business was transacted, a social hour was enjoyed during which time the hostess served fruit salad and cakes.

Mrs. Whitford Hill, *Pres.*

Christmas 1938

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"There's Room in My Heart for Three," each class and each individual had a turn. I can still see the manifest pleasure of the parents and elders: a young mother or father here, or an old, tottering grandfather over there, leaning forward as far as possible, craning neck, or half standing up, lest he should fail to see and hear all his small child is doing. What an awakening to find that, although of course they never learned themselves, their children (even the girls!) can learn. Everyone seemed to breathe the atmosphere of happiness. And, best of all, they were hearing the Gospel all the while. And they listened the more intently because it was their own children preaching it.

Presents? Of course this was not a small part of the service. A garment to each school child and candy and fruit to everybody! But remembering that the Lord said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," we had agreed and announced beforehand that an offering would be taken and sent to a dis-

trict not far away which we knew to be at that time suffering from famine. Certainly the amount assembled that night would not relieve a famine, but the small coins that were given doubtless in some cases sacrificial and given in the name of the Lord would be blessed and used, if perhaps more to the ones who gave than to those who received.

The closing scene is of families with lanterns, babies and presents, laughter and happiness, treading homeward; and, as we learned later, in some cases feeling that the message of the Christ-child was beginning to grip their lives, in others that it had won them.

But Christmas is not Christmas if we keep it all to ourselves! It must be shared to be fully enjoyed. And, although we may have ever so little of this world's goods to share, there are things which count more. So the following morning we continued our Christmas program by gathering a group of boys and girls and tramping out to the Kota village where we frequently make preaching trips. We had previously secured a list of names of the children of that village and so we had a small present for each. We had some days beforehand given verses to some of the Kota boys, which they recited from memory along with our children, much to the delight of their villagers. The Kotas had never had anything of the kind before, and were overwhelmed with our desire to share Christmas joy with them. Many of them joined us in singing, and all listened with interest to the message given by an elderly gentleman who had accompanied us. They were greatly impressed also by our children, their manner and their dress, and their ability to sing and recite. They are well acquainted with our sweeper people and they recognize that a Christian school and related activities have wrought real changes among them. So our Christmas joy was made complete when we went forth to share with another village the good news that "The Lord is come."

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Problem of Forgiveness

(Lesson for January 14)

Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*A n d forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*" (Matthew 6:12).

A little boy would not forgive his playmate. Reminded that he should do so before sleeping, as he might meet God before morning he replied, "I'll forgive Wallace, but if I don't die in the night, he better look out in the morning!" Many professing Christians are so spiritually shallow as to *know how not to forgive*. Every Christian should learn *how* to forgive through study and practice of God's Word. —W. M.

In the course of a public debate George Holyoake asked Dr. Parker: "What did God do for the martyr Stephen when he was being stoned to death?" Dr. Parker was embarrassed for a moment; then lifting his heart to God gave a reply which he always believed was the Holy Spirit's direct gift. He said: "I believe the Almighty did far more for Stephen than at first appears. He did not send an angel to deliver him in his hour of agony. But God enabled Stephen to say, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge'; and when we shall see facts in their eternal values, we shall see that in working this miracle of forgiveness in the heart of Stephen, God did more than if He had sent a legion of angels." —*The Dawn*.

I. Home Work

1. What is the condition of the whole human race before God? (Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 3:10-23).

2. What is the character of God with respect to the sinfulness of

man? (Ex. 34:6, 7; Ps. 103:3, 12; Acts 10:43).

3. Who alone has the power to forgive sins? (Luke 5:21, 22; 1 John 1:9).

4. What is our duty when some one has sinned against us? (Luke 17:3; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13).

5. When can we forgive the sins of others? (Mark 11:25; Col. 3:13).

6. What are the conditions for obtaining forgiveness? (Luke 17:3; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9).

7. What makes it possible for God to forgive the sins of men? (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14).

8. How great is the forgiveness of God? (Ps. 103:12; Is. 38:17; Heb. 8:12).

9. In whose Name alone can the remission of sins be obtained? (Luke 24:47; Acts 10:43).

10. Why should we forgive those who sin against us? (Ephesians 4:32; Col. 3:11-13).

11. Read 1 Samuel 24. Our quarterlies have the helps you need. Select at least five outstanding truths found in them.

II. Practical Lessons

(a) This lesson centers around Christ's law of forgiveness. Peter would *set a limit* to the number of times he should forgive a brother who had sinned against him. It is tragic that one Christian should wrong another, but alas! it is too often the case (Acts 7:26; 1 Cor. 6:8). Peter, however, was *growing in grace*, for he went further than the stern upholders of Jewish law who limited forgiveness to three offenses. Christ taught that forgiveness was to be *unlimited both in quality and in quantity*. No offense of man against man was so serious, no repetition of offenses so excessive, that forgiveness might be withheld, provided only that repentance were shown. The sole condition is "if he *repent*" (Luke 17:3). Unless repentance is shown, our forgiveness would be in vain so far as the

wrongdoer is concerned. The parable illustrates the *enormity of the sinner's debt* and the *greatness of God's love*. His pardon through Christ's perfect sacrifice is all of grace, and should evoke in us a like spirit of forgiveness to all who offend us (Col. 3:13). —A. H.

(b) Alas! so many of us are like the unmerciful servant of our lesson. We have accepted God's princely forgiveness for ourselves, and offered our niggardly forgiveness to our fellows. Contrast ten thousand talents (\$12,000,000.00), with one hundred pence (\$17.00). How many of His modern servants are just as small as this servant of the parable! Everywhere hearts are breaking and the work languishing because of ill feelings. In how many prayer meetings known to this circle of readers, either at home or on the mission field, is there the liberty of the Spirit? Truly He is grieved with all hardness of heart. The wheels of service drag heavily when the Gospel team insists on a bite for a bite, and a kick for a kick. —R. K. G.

(c) Forgiveness, to be effectual, must be accepted. Many a Christian, cruelly wronged, has overflowed with love toward the offender. Lacking confession, however, reconciliation was impossible. Here we dimly trace the footsteps of the Son of Man. His forgiveness is offered freely to two billion people, and only a pitifully small group receives and enjoys His pardon and His peace. All are forgiven, potentially, in the substitutionary sacrifice of Calvary. But none can be forgiven *practically*, till he comes with a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

(d) God's forgiveness is eternal. It can never be undone (Rom. 8:33, 34). A woman after her husband's death found that over many of his debts he had written in red ink, "Forgiven". She said, "My husband has forgiven too much." She then proceeded to collect the money by law. The judge ruled that under

no circumstances could the money be collected, seeing that the husband had in his own handwriting canceled the debts. The husband paid the price of forgiving. His forgiveness could not be changed.—W. M.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

BURROUGHS. Our community was deeply saddened on October 5 when the death angel visited our home and took from us Grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Burroughs, who had made her home for the past thirty years with her only daughter, Mrs. Harvey Moore.

Grandmother was born on October 5, 1873, making her home on earth 66 years. She was a member of Union Chapel for several years. She was the wife of Rev. G. A. Burroughs, who died thirty years ago.

Our community has lost a dear friend and a good neighbor. No service was too humble for grandmother to render to those in sickness, or in special need. She was loved by all who knew her well. Our loss is her eternal gain, and only God knows best. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons: F. C., B. T., H. B., and C. C. Burroughs, and one daughter, Mrs. Harvey Moore and several grandchildren.

Written by her grand-daughter,
(Miss) Hattie Lou Moore

RHODES. Mother, who was called away on November 23, 1939, was nearing her 80th birthday. She was a devoted member of our church. She was converted in her early childhood, and earnestly contended for the Faith as it is in Christ Jesus.

We hated to give mother up, but Jesus knew best. To Him we bow in humble submission, for He does all things well.

Mother's name was Mrs. Martha L. Rhodes of Tabor City, N. C., Route 2. We are asking that all who read this, and know the worth of prayer, please pray for us.

Written by her son,
Rev. R. C. Rhodes,
Tabor City, North Carolina

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On the night of March 25, 1939, Simpson N. Sanderson passed from this life of sadness, and disappointments to his eternal reward. Having finished his earthly work, he heard the Master's call "Come up higher."

In his going away, our church, our community, and his home have lost a consecrated member, a friend and father, therefore be it resolved:

First, That we the members of Beaulville Free Will Baptist church express to the family our deepest sympathy. We can only commend them to our Saviour who doeth all things well;

Second, That in the going away of Brother Sanderson, the church and community have lost a valuable member, but we bow

in humble submission to God's will, who holds each one of us in the hollow of his hand;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our church minutes, a copy be sent to the Press for publication, and a copy be given to the family.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. S. A. Smith,
Warren A. Thomas,
Roy Exum,
Committee.

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Boys and Girls Corner

The Two Houses

"Why do I have to go to Bible school today?" asked John. "I like it, of course, but most of the other boys from my class are coasting on the big hill, and there won't be very much more snow. Everybody likes that kind of boys just as well as they like me, and they'll get the Bible-school Christmas treat and go to the summer picnic just the same. It isn't fair."

"It doesn't look quite fair," said his father, "but if you will get your cap and take a walk with me I would like to show you something."

They went down the street to where two little houses stood side by side. One was quite plain, and the other, painted late in the fall, was very showy. "Which house would you rather have for yours if some one should give you one of those?" asked the father.

"Why, that one, of course," said John, pointing to the plain one. "The other one looks the prettiest now, and lots of people like it better, but we saw them put in those old boards that won't last, and you said when they made that little foundation that didn't go down but a few feet that the rats would dig under it pretty soon. I wouldn't want to live in that kind of a house."

"I wouldn't want that kind of a house for my body to live in," said John's father, "and it would be a great deal worse to build a poor home for my soul to live in. Every day that we obey God's laws and go to the church and learn things that make us love our heavenly Father better, and grow stronger, better people, we are making our soul house firm and strong. We know that some day people will be glad that little gray house was well built, and sorry that the other one was not. If you are God's faithful boy you will find out what I mean."

"I'll have to hurry or I'll be late for Bible school," said John.—*The Sunbeam.*

1 Corinthians 3:9b and 10b: "Ye are God's building. . . . Let every man take heed how he buildeth."

In charity to all mankind, bearing no ill-will to any human being.—*John Quincy Adams.*

Announcement

We are to start a program on the air here at Thomasville, Georgia, around the first of January. It will be only fifteen minutes. We do not have such a program in the state. It will be at 7:00 a. m. It will be six days to the week. It will be over WPAX, 1210 kilocycles.—*Rev. K. V. Shutes.*

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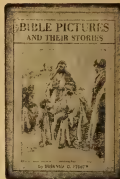
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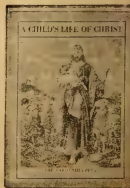
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I have received and have examined a copy of the *Advanced Quarterly*, edited by Rev. R. B. Spencer, the efficient editor of the Baptist paper. I am very favorably impressed with the appearance. It is neat and clear, and a work that is much needed among our people.

It is a work that should be read by the old and the young. I feel it will be appreciated by both. Those who are engaged in Sunday School work will find it helpful, interesting and profitable.

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Faithfully yours,
C. J. Harris

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D. F. Johnson, *Superintendent*,
Syble Bacon, *Cor.-Secy.*,
J. W. Hearon, *Treasurer*,
1700 6th Avenue,
Phenix City, Alabama

Reverend R. B. Spencer,
Ayden, N. C.

Dear Spencer:

Thank you for your letter of December 12 and for a copy of *The Advanced Quarterly*, which I have examined with much interest. I think you have done well. I hope

it will have the circulation which you wish for it.

With all good wishes, I am
Very sincerely yours,
Dr. Edgar W. Knight,
University of North
Carolina

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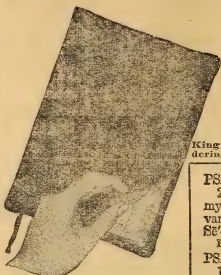
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To Return to Panama Soon

Thomas H. Willey

During the month of November we were permitted to have a part in a very gracious revival in Durham, North Carolina, numbers were definitely converted and the church revived. It was a great pleasure to work with my pastor in our home church and congregation. It is always a joy to be with our people in Durham. They are always thoughtful and wanting to go the second mile.

Closing the meeting we headed homeward for a rest and preparation for our return to the mission field. We found that we can go from Miami, Florida to Cuba, then to South America much cheaper than from any other port; then my mother and sister reside here so we have been with them a short time.

We have been consulting with the consuls here concerning our entrance into Cuba and Panama, but they of course cannot tell us anything, as one must go to those countries and make his applications when arriving for permanent residence.

It might be interesting to you to know that the man who made it so difficult for us to carry on our work and finally refused us permission to carry on died, one year from the date he ordered us out. Be assured of this: frail humans may boast of their authority, but there is one appointment that prince and pauper must meet and that is with death, wealth and authority are no match with this grim destroyer. We are wondering what changes this move of providence shall bring about politically that shall affect us in our relation to the work so deeply upon our hearts. The brother of the president is still in office and it was he that treated us with such discourtesy. The election comes in Panama during the month of June and we are hoping and praying that

changes that will affect the administration shall be in our favor. While time marches on our hearts beat with a desire to be about our Lord's work in those needy lands steeped in darkness, there are hungry hearts awaiting for the coming of the Gospel light in those darkened lands. I have before me the battle cry of an earnest group of people taken from the Herald of Holiness, the Nazarene paper, "Our eyes must not become clouded by the smoke of battle, by the fog of materialism and selfishness, or by the mirage of the heaviness of the local burdens, until we lose the clear vision of our mission as a *World Wide Evangelizing Agency*. We are committed not only to the work of evangelism, but also we are committed to world-wide evangelism. "We are debtors to every man to give him the Gospel in the same measure as we have received it." "It is the whole task of the whole church to give the whole Gospel to the whole world." Well might we ponder on these words and lay claim upon the unreached masses who have yet to hear a Gospel message.

We have been thinking and praying especially for those of our workers on the fields nobly representing the National Free Will Baptist of the United States, Sister Barnard in India with its unreached masses needing help and helpers. It would mean worlds to this little woman standing alone living a life of sacrificial service if a trained and capable young couple might be sent to stand shoulder to shoulder with her in the battle. Then there is Sister Bessie Yeley at Upata, Venezuela standing in the breach, a lone woman far from home and kin. Do you ever pray for these who live in fanatical lands — strangers in strange lands? They are your representatives in the great companies of denominations and church groups.

Do you take thought and set aside some of the money you owe the Lord for them, or are you and your church interested only in the small limited restricted community of which you find yourself.

Brother Winford Davis writes me that he just sent in over \$150.00 for missions. We have reason to be proud of that fine spiritual group of people out there in Missouri, they are having revivals and building churches and lifting high the royal blood stained banner of our Christ. East and West and North and South our people are rallying and keeping step with the marching orders of the King. As we face the new year of 1940 it is with renewed courage to press the battle for souls and the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord.

As you read this personal letter we shall be packing for our trip across to Cuba and from there shall make our plan for the trip down below. We desire that you shall pray earnestly with us that we might hear the voice of the Lord saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." The progress we make in our foreign missionary program must be made upon our knees. Know this that as we go forward it shall be carefully and prayerfully done.

There were numbers of places we would have loved to visit had it been possible. We are aware that the personal touch with our people means added support of the program, but we would appeal to you for your interest and support. We wanted so much to meet our people in some parts of Tennessee and Virginia, and how we would have loved to reach you folk up there in Ohio and Kentucky, and back up in Michigan there are great groups of our Free Baptist whom brother Winford

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EDITORIAL

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina, has a fine brick building. The new edifice is a credit to the congregation and the people in the vicinity. It represents interest and effort put forth by its members for them to have accomplished this fine piece of work. Rev. R. E. Tripp is the pastor. He is a splendid man whom we have known for several years. We are hoping for him and this church great success. From recent reports they have arranged a fine worship program for the church in the several departments, including the young people and ladies' work. We are wishing for them the best of success for the New Year.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Need of the Soul—A great many cry out and say, "We need more Spiritual power." This talk is only heavenly moonshine. What the soul of man needs is the *Spirit Himself* in us, using all of our powers. If I am a Spirit-filled man, I am a Spirit-controlled man. Our whole being needs to be filled, controlled, charged, generated, actuated, pulsed, educated, elevated and empowered by the *Holy Spirit*.

Are We Growing?—I promised to answer this question in last week's *Notes and Quotes*. Of course I shall not offer statistics for the past decade, but a few, with excerpts from reports, of our various boards and secretaries.

First, I want to say that I was Statistician for a period of five years. During this time I had firsthand information in the growth of the Free Will Baptist church in the United States. Statistics in my first report were 775 churches; value, \$882,195; Ministers, 671; members,

The New Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, is representative of the fine work of the good people of that state. Now that it has opened its doors to needy children of that section of the country, may we hope that the people will rally to its support. Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley head the work of the institution, and are giving their time and direct concern to the cause of the children under their supervision. We are urging the church people not only in Tennessee, but also in other states to give their hearty support to this home. For it to be of the greatest good, the support and growth of this institution must have the interest and support of a very great many people.

60,291—net gain 2,281. (Gain for 1933).

Statistics for fifth year were: Churches 1,143; members, 82,752; ministers, 1,095. Value church property \$1,214,700—School and orphanage \$95,000 (plus the Free Will Baptist Press, value \$30,000 and the Free Will Baptist Gem, \$4,500 making \$34,50 that I did not report owing to my illness, which made me forgetful, before and at the time of the National Association assembly in 1938).

The Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, gathered and reported in 1939 as follows: Churches, 1,185, members 101, 041; ministers (ordained) 1,154, and licensed ministers 50; and total value of property, \$1,468,010.00.

Second, Quotation, "I believe the following facts will be of interest to the body; the combined circulation of all League literature has now reached an all time high of 24,000 copies per year. This gives us the very encouraging fact that within the last six years we have made a 95% increase in circulation. The above facts easily puts me in a position to say that we have this army

of youth, 25,000 strong, proportioned as follows: 13,000 seniors; 5,000 intermediates and 6,000 juniors." *Henry Melvin, National Secretary F. W. B. Leagues*. Brother Melvin made the foregoing statements, as a part of his report to the National Association in 1939. This shows a growth among our boys and girls of today who will be at the helm of the church tomorrow. This is encouraging indeed.

Third, If you have the minutes just read, read our Foreign Mission Report for the year of 1934 and then read for 1939, and you will find that we gave more than six times as much in 1939 as we did in 1934.

Fourth, According to statistics of 1937 and 1938 the number of Stewardship and Mission study classes of the Women's work increased more than eight times in one year. This is one of the most interesting facts in the work of the women of our church. They are devoting much time to study. Stewardship and Missions are being *thought of as never before*. This means efficiency for the church.

Fifth, As we made mention some time ago, Tennessee has an orphanage, under good management, and South Carolina, we understand, is preparing to put into operation an orphanage.

Time and space forbids me going further at this time with statistics, but we know that our people at large are more interested in missions, education, the Women's work, the League work, and in an efficient program of our church than at any time since I began to work as a minister. I was ordained the 10th day of June, 1910 with out knowing anything about the strength of the Free Will Baptist church. I had found out enough to know that I was a Free Will Baptist. After being ordained I began to look around to see what I had joined as a denomination and found but little to encourage me. There was no orphanage. There was no Foreign mission program. There was no Young People's work. There was not a whole time pastor to be found (by me) anywhere. Every

pastor that I could get in touch with had to work and then preach what he could for nothing. My pastor was riding a bicycle thirteen miles for less than twenty-five dollars a year. One old pastor told me that he preached a whole year, walked 1,400 miles, got \$4.00 and two pair of home-knit woolen socks for his year's work.

I have statistics that show us to have as low as 2,000 members in North Carolina since the Central Conference was organized.

Yes, we are growing. We are growing in the support of the ministry. The Ministry is growing in efficiency—faster than at any time in the history of the church. Ministers are preaching missions—both Home and Foreign—Education, Young People's Work; Women's Work; Sunday School; Superannuation and consecrated leadership as never before. The time is here, *Thank God for it*, when the better part of the church does not want a pastor who fails to stand for the general program of the church. Then another sign of growth, we can get together and transact business without "cross-jawing" when years go that seemed to be impossible. Seldom does a preacher get "niffed." This is real growth. Amen.

Home Mission News

Dear Co-Workers:

On this beautiful wintry night and after church services, we find ourselves writing to our kindred in the Lord. We closed our work in Illinois last week and are now in Missouri for some meetings. We had a fine meeting near Galatia, Illinois, with Brother W. M. Jones and his Union Grove Church. There were only 17 converts. The snow storm came right at the closing of the meeting, and caused our crowds to drop off, but the meeting was a great spiritual advantage to the church.

We made our home with Brother and Sister Cecil Edwards, and they are very lovely Christians to be with in their home. We were with them during the Christmas holidays, and

it was like being in your own home. May God greatly bless them.

We left Union Grove on Wednesday after Christmas to visit another one of Brother Jones' churches, and had a fine service with the people there. From there we went to one of Rev. Marsh Harpole's churches where we had a wonderful meeting last year. There is one young preacher there who has been licensed to preach the gospel. We visited the Franklin County Quarterly meeting which was a grand success.

We had the privilege of visiting the Herrin Church one night, and found a warm reception. Upon leaving this place, we went to Desloge, Missouri, to begin a meeting with Brother Dodd who is another fine young preacher. He was converted in one of our tent meetings a few years ago.

We will be in Missouri for several meetings. Since we last wrote to the Baptist paper, we have received \$3 from Sister Pyle of Hilton, Georgia on the Chicken Fund. If any more of your sisters have chicken money, please send it to Brother M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Pray for us here that the Lord will give us a great victory. We are wishing for all of you good people a happy and successful New Year.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

The Winfield Budget

Financing every arm of our work is a great problem, and the thing that has retarded our program for years is as Brother Tyson said: "Our people are so spasmodic one never knows what they are going to do."

Brother J. C. Griffin in Notes and Quotes informs us that our five, ten and fifteen cent drives overlap each other, and we cannot put them over properly.

About one year ago I began to consider church finance. Our church at Mount Moriah was very poor, and the old church was about gone down. I had to lead the people to build or we would have to aban-

don the work. So, we started to raising money for the building. I was burdened about the different arms of our work, and did not see any opportunity to be able to offer to them. I thought out a budget on the proportional plan, and presented it to the church conference, and they adopted it.

Every dollar that comes in thru the Sunday School and the regular church channels goes into the budget, and we are raising our money for every arm of the work.

Our "Pro-Ratio" is as follows:

Ministers salary	70%
S. S. Literature	10%
Orphanage	5%
Unions and associations	5%
Foreign Missions	2%
Home Missions	2%
Education	2%
Superannuation	2%
Miscellaneous	2%

Total ----- 100%

Our building fund was raised separately from our regular offerings. I wonder if we cannot take our minutes and see what "pro-ratio" would fit into what we did last year, and average it, and present it to our people nationally and locally.

Rev. Sherman H. Oakes,
Rockingham, North Carolina

A New Year Hymn

By Loy Everett Ballard

It matters not what the year brings
Of weal or woe;
Or whether it's answer to our
dreams

Be yes or no:
If, through its changing days—
Warm or cold—
The Master is with us still,
As of old!

His smile will from the coldness
Drive the chill away;
His love will temper the sorrow
Of each sad day;
And if joys are found along
The way we fare,
They will be sweeter far because
He will be there!

Prayer Needs

By Laura Belle Barnard

We in India in whom you are all interested are in great need of prayer, particularly the new Christians. The building up and establishing process is a slow and tedious one, line upon line and precept upon precept. With ignorance, illiteracy and superstition to baffle with, it is a task beyond the powers of man, so we earnestly beseech you to pray without ceasing for us.

Pray also for those who know the truth but whose courage fails them to stand up for Christ. As one Hindu recently put it, "I am a Hindu by profession but a Christian by belief." This combination does not give any assurance of salvation, and we believe that the Lord does require an open confession, and that when the personal revelation of Jesus Christ has been experienced in its saving fullness, all the demons of Hell cannot stop the redeemed child's testimony. This is our conviction based on what we know of the constraining love of Christ. Yet it does not behoove us who know nothing of religious persecution to pass judgment on others who refrain from confessing Christ because of fear. Still we do feel it is right to pray that these who claim to believe may be given an experience that cannot be covered up.

There are those who turn a deaf ear to the Gospel and the claims of Christ, and who further put stumblingblocks before any who show an interest in the Gospel. How poor and wretched they are, in darkness in every sense of the word. We have nothing but pity in our hearts towards them, for we know it is only through ignorance that they turn away from the Light of Life Who yearns to shine His light upon the path in which they go groping, miserable and blind. Pray that they may catch a gleam of Christ's glory so that they will desire Him.

Pray that the strong wave of opposition sorely felt among us may be

counteracted. During the past week a festival has been held for one of our finest school girls, the ceremony of putting on earrings. This is the earliest celebration in the life of a girl, the exact time depending upon convenience, chiefly finances. Sometimes the rings are put in as early as 4 or 5 years of age, but Pappathi (of whom I write) is something under 12. Long before the ceremony is to take place the lobes of the ears are pierced through with a needle and a small twig is inserted to keep the hole from knitting back together while the wound heals. Usually, after a short time the small twig is removed and a larger one inserted so that the hole will stretch and a large number of rings can be put in. Sometimes the holes will be so large that the lobes hang down several inches, but in this caste they are usually less elaborate with regard to this custom. (I might say that this piercing the ears is sometimes dangerous because the people know nothing of cleanliness in cases of wounds and sickness, etc. Recently when one of our girls had her ears pierced they became infected and were a solid mass of inflammation and pus for weeks. I wondered what the result would be, but they finally healed.) Pappathi is a real believer in Jesus and her mother, a widow, also claims to believe. At this festival the girl is supposed to have her hair shaved or cut very closely and it is offered to the temple gods. At this point Pappathi rebelled, refusing to let her long, beautiful hair be cut, and her mother would not force the child to submit. This angered the relatives and also the villagers, so they came together and told Pappathi's family that they would have to sign a paper promising never to become Christians. However, I am glad to say the paper has not been signed! Now the villagers have held a meeting and decided to put up a sign at each entrance of the villages forbidding any Christian missionary, preacher or Bible woman to enter. Also they decided in this meeting that unless Moses and his small family (some

of our converts) joined them in the temple worship again, they would be thrown out of the village. Of course I am sure these threats are never as serious as they sound, yet they do indicate real opposition which calls for prayer.

October 30, 1939. The above was unfinished, so I shall take up the story where I left off. Pappathi has been back in school several weeks, and it seems that her troublesome relatives are keeping quiet for the present. During the earring celebrations the child's uncle wanted to take her, offering all sorts of inducements. But the sensible mother refused to let her go, saying that since no one was ever interested in helping her take care of her child until they became influenced by Christianity she was unwilling to accept any offer now, as she knew it was meant only to oppose and to cut of Pappathi's contact with the mission.

Moses (mentioned above) and his wife Gnanamani are going through the fires of testing. You will recall that Gnanamani was ill after her baptism and was accused by her family who wanted her to turn back at that time, but she stood firm. Unfortunately, the pressure brought upon this little Christian family has grown more and more intense, and in the midst of it Moses lost his job and became dependent upon the relatives for help. This is a most humiliating situation, and one which the relatives have used to accomplish their own purposes in persuading the young wife to go back. At this point there is a plan made, a day set for taking the wife and baby (and Moses if possible) to the temple, offering a sacrifice, sprinkling water upon them and reinstating them in Hinduism. For some days Moses did not show up for meetings and we thought he was purposely evading us. Meanwhile he had been going to other villages seeking work and of course this was used as an excuse. We were distressed because we feared he was ready to turn back, as all the Hindus confidently assured us. Last Sunday we

had a talk with him and feel now that he has no intention of giving up his faith but that he is simply torn by the distressing circumstances in which he finds himself. It is a real ordeal for him and his mind is pitifully confused. May the Lord give him work soon so that the people can no longer attack him from this vantage point.

Another family is being sorely tried through unemployment. We have taught them that God will supply all their needs if they put their trust in Him through Jesus Christ. They are so young and inexperienced in the Christian life that it is not easy for them to understand why God sees fit to withhold these things that are real necessities, and we can understand how doubts and fears begin to arise in their minds. William is the young lad who must be the breadwinner for this family and it is he, naturally, whose faith is most sorely tried through these circumstances. Join us in prayer for work for him and for the settling and establishing of him and his family.

Absalom, the father of the large family who were baptised, is brother to Gnanamani's father and is naturally feeling the same opposition that Moses and his are feeling. Absalom has been shaken and unsteadied, but we do not think for one moment he will turn back. In a recent visit to this home the young son and daughter, David and Yesudeyal (formerly Kuppoo), declared to their father and mother in the presence of several responsible persons that even if their parents forsook them they would never forsake the Lord Jesus but we were willing to step out into the world alone trusting in the Lord, rather than denounce their faith. Then the mother took courage and joined her children in the stand. So there the matter stands as far as we know. The stand that the wife and children have taken is doubtless having its effect on the father. Pray for him.

We cannot possibly understand what it means to them. Our first

impulse is to criticize and to feel that their profession was not genuine. But I suppose not many of us have such a perfect record since conversion as to be able to doubt and fears and were never tempted to give up. Yet we have never been under such pressure as these poor people who have none of the advantages that we have had. We can but deal lovingly with them and exhort them, continuing in earnest prayer that God will keep His own. These testings are to be expected here, and I am sure that prayer is the most powerful weapon available to us in defending these who themselves are helpless.

The school is our delight. It has been an untold joy to watch developments in the lives of these children. I often have to stop and ask myself whether these are really the same children who began to come to us two years ago. It seems remarkable. From illiterates who hardly knew to discern the right hand from the left they have become able to read the Bible and to write and do accounts. Their hand work is not to be overlooked, and they know scores of Christian hymns and lyrics. And how they do love to sing! Then they are learning that there are other people in the world besides their own deserted caste and that the boundaries of their valley do not mark the bounds of the whole earth! They are cleaner in their habits and appearance and are learning things that open up to them a richer and fuller life socially. Best of all, they are learning of Jesus, the *Way*, the Truth and the Life. Many of them are true believers, and it is from the ranks of these children that we expect to find in later years Christians of a firm and stalwart character, who will be better equipped to stand against such temptations as our Christians today are facing. Some of the "opposing" party have stopped their children from school. Pray that they may be permitted to return and not have to suffer because of their parents' folly.

Pray for the witness to the Kotas. Recently we have met with more friendliness and willingness to hear. Previously there had been a decidedly hostile spirit, so now we feel the Lord is helping us. Still we do not see souls coming to the cross, and this is what we are longing for. November and December will be wet and we will doubtless be hindered from going often, but let us tighten the ropes of prayer for them while we cannot go to them. Pray particularly for several who have seemed interested and with whom we have personal contacts.

I do not know whether or not friends are planning to send out Christmas parcels, but I am afraid that, unless you have been alert to war conditions and their effect on overseas mail and have sent these parcels in good time, we shall all be disappointed. At this writing I have not received any letter from America postmarked not later than August 24, over two months. I mention this so that all may be aware of the disorganization in mail service and that you may govern yourselves accordingly. I strongly advise that in case of money-gifts, you do not send either paper money or checks in a personal letter. Either send money order, or send thru Brother Blackwelder, as letters are uncertain these days.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!

A bruised reed shall he not break;
and smoking flax shall he not
quench, till he send forth judgment
unto victory. *Matthew XII. 20.*

*He'll never quench the smoking flax,
But raise it to a flame;
The bruised reed he never breaks,
Nor scorns the meanest name.*

Himself took our infirmities, and
bare our sicknesses. *Matt. VIII. 17.*

Tracts and Pamphlets Needed

By Thomas E. Beaman

There is an urgent need in our church for the printing and distribution of religious tracts and pamphlets. One of the neglects of our people is the faithful sowing of the precious Seed (The word of God) through the printed page. Perhaps we have failed to realize the extraordinary dynamic of the printed page.

In distributing the printed page we liberate the thistledown, laden with the precious Seed, which blown, by the winds of the Spirit, floats over the world to bless it and bring happiness to untold thousands. The printed page never flinches, never shows cowardice; it is never tempted to compromise; it never tires.

Many notable men and women have been converted by reading the printed page conveying the story of Good News. H. L. Hasting's lectures were once given to four infidels. They were converted, and became ministers of the gospel. A Christian woman once gave to Dr. George Lorimer, an actor, a tract. It led to his conversion, and later entered the ministry and is now pastor of the Tremont Temple Church, Boston Massachusetts.

Martin Luther once wrote a pamphlet on Galatians. One of these printed pamphlets fell into the hands of John Bunyan and converted him. Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress," which has the largest circulation of any book in existence, except the Bible. Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation of France, was converted by reading a tract. Lady Abbess, the wife of William of Orange, was converted by a tract. She influenced her husband religiously to the extent that he became the champion of liberty lands. Thus we might go on, if time and space would permit, and relate hundreds of instances where tracts and religious pamphlets have led to the conversion of thousands, as well as being a valuable aid in

the strengthening and edifying those already converted.

Among our own need of tracts and pamphlets, would be those not only to carry the message of salvation, but those that would teach our own people the doctrine of our church, our practices, programs, goals, etc. But how shall we have them? How shall this urgent need be met by our people?

First, there must be a recognition of the need, and a determination to meet that need.

Second, there must be set up in our higher organizations a commission, or Board, on Periodicals, who will have charge of raising funds, and arranging for the writing of such tracts and pamphlets, as we need, and for the proper distribution of the same.

Our people are willing and ready to do good when once we show them and properly lead them, and they will meet this need if we will properly arrange for it.

Letter from Mrs. S. H. Styron

Dear Baptist Readers:

I intended to send an article to the Baptist for publication earlier, but it seems that my chances are still bad. I will, however, send it in soon. I am trying to be brave and hoping I shall be able to help out in the services of the church.

Our many friends have proven to us their love which they had for my husband, Rev. S. H. Styron, and I am anxious to make mention of their nice ways of expressing their sympathy for us. I shall try to attend to this very soon.

The get well cards which you people sent have been placed in a nice big scrapbook, and the letters are bound safely in a box for safe keeping. Now, we are making a book of Sympathy cards which cannot be surpassed in beauty. It was a request of his to keep all of his mail, and I will prize this for years to come.

The Christmas cards and letters are very nice too, and we are keep-

ing them also. They are from several different states, and many individuals. We surely do appreciate them.

At this writing my father is very sick and has been since Christmas. Mr. Styron's nurse, Mr. Branch, is helping to take care of him. This seems hard again, but we are reminded that trouble never comes single handed. Please pray for me that I may have strength to endure all of my troubles. It seems hard that I have come to this place in life at the age of 42, but prayer can change things, and I do request your prayers.

I will send the letter soon that I had intended to send this week. With kindest regards to everyone who has remembered us in any way, however large or small it might have been.

Respectfully,

Mrs. S. H. Styron

The Parable of the Young Woman

James L. Craft

"There sailed upon the Gypsy a young woman whose name is Edith, comely and possessed of much of that which is called common sense.

Now, as the Gypsy sailed the unmarked waters of Lake Okeechobee, a storm arose. So violent was the storm that the Gypsy was tossed hither and yon, now plunging down in the trough of the waves, and again mounting to their crest. As the storm had its will with the Gypsy, objects on this ship were tossed about, and the furniture was driven from place to place, until it was quite impossible for the ship's passengers to sit or stand in any elected spot.

The wise young woman spoke as follows to her fellow voyagers: 'The storm has descended upon us. The sky is overcast with lowering clouds, and I have been unable to find a suitable place of refuge. But I perceive, as I look into the heavens, a bright spot where it is evident the sunlight is beating upon the

dark clouds in an effort to penetrate them. I will therefore sit on the open deck and gaze upon that bright spot for has it not even been so, that light follows the darkness? I will then have beneath me the solid teak wood planking of the good ship Gypsy, and above me a bright spot from the heavens, which must soon overcome the darkness.'

Accordingly she did as she had said.

She was like unto the Christian man, or woman who, living in this stormy world, filled with black wars, with strife and clouds of doubt descending all about, still looks upon the light from heaven, calm in the faith that light will disperse the darkness."

During this New Year, I hope that all of you who will read the Baptist, and especially the shut-ins, will have beneath you the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus, and when the clouds of doubt and discouragement begin to gather, still look upon the light from heaven, and calm in the faith that light disperses darkness.

Humbly submitted,

Mrs. C. T. Adams,
Hansley's Chapel,
Sherron Acres

Let's Follow God's Way

Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Are we willing to learn of Jesus? He came into this world, and He lived as our example. My dear brethren and sisters in Christ Jesus, the Bible tells you and me to lay up the first day of the week, such as God has blessed us with, and there would be no gatherings when he comes again (1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

When the apostle Peter needed money to pay his and the Lord's taxes? What did God's word teach him to do? Jesus told Peter to cast

his hook in the sea, and the first fish which he caught to open its mouth, and then he would find a piece of money. He told him to take that and pay their taxes. Did Peter do what the Lord told him to do, or did he try to get the money by way of chance? Peter did just what the Lord told him to do.

The Lord spoke to the old prophet Malachi, and condemned him and his people because they had gone away from His ordinance. We find in Malachi 3:8-10 where the Lord tells them that they had robbed God, and too they are cursed with a curse. Yet, He promised to bless them, if they would bring all their tithes into His storehouse (Matthew 23:23). He said that He would give them such blessings that they would not have room to receive them.

Today, we are trying to substitute our way, but there is but one way, and that is the right way which is God's way. I am not offended with any, but I am hurt, for I have many reasons for not having anything to do with chance games, in raising money for the church. If we bring our children up in the little chance games, some of them might think it all right to take chances in some big chance games. They will see enough of those things without dragging them up in the church. May God forbid that I should ever bring anything in the church that would offend anyone, especially the things which Jesus drove out of the church. Please read Matthew 21:12, 13, 14; Mark 11: 15, 16; Luke 19:45, 46; John 2:14, 15.

I do not believe that any church gets full grown in Christ in this world, for God's Word says for us to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May God forbid that I should ever take sides with anything that God's holy Word will not hold up. I do hope and pray that all of God's called preachers will hew to the line regardless as to where the chip may fall. Please turn with me to 1 Timothy 6:10, 11, 12; James 4: 13, 14. "I will not take sides with any

man or woman, or any group of people who are in the majority, when I know they are in the wrong, and the Bible does not up hold the things that they are doing.

J. C. Bush, Sr.,
Colquitt, Georgia, Route 5

Call on the Lord

Leon Tucker once told this story:

"A plain seaman stood on watch on the bridge of a U. S. battleship several hundred miles out on the Atlantic when a wireless was handed to him. 'Little Donald passed away yesterday. Funeral Wednesday afternoon. Can you come?' The seaman remembered the smiling face of his baby boy as he had left him three months ago. His only boy—his hope. Then he broke and the captain found him sobbing. 'What is the matter, my lad?' The seaman stood at attention and handed the captain the message. 'Where do you live?' 'Cleveland, Ohio, sir.'

The captain did some rapid figuring, and in a moment the wireless of the big battleship began sputtering out messages to her sister ships in the vicinity. 'Full steam ahead,' was the order.

Soon a gray form appeared—a faster ship. The seaman was transferred. The second battleship raced 200 miles until a torpedo-boat destroyer came up which had also received the wireless, and into it the seaman descended. Then full steam ahead for the nearest port—a waiting taxi—the train which left in four minutes for Cleveland, and the next afternoon, one hour before the funeral, the seaman father stood looking down on his little boy, with the mother and wife in his arms.

Three battleships on the Atlantic had felt the impulse of fatherhood. And shall not God hear his own elect who cry day and night unto Him? I tell you yes, sailor friend of mine, tossed on the high sea of life, the Captain waits for your message."

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The members met at the home of Mrs. David H. Furlough in December with the president presiding. The business was entered into, and the secretary called the roll. Ten members were present with one visitor. The collection of dues was \$1.30.

The following activities were entered into since our last meeting: sick visits made, 33; flowers sent to the sick, 2; trays, 2; milk given away, 47 quarts; chapters read in the Bible, 110.

As this was the end of our year's work, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. H. H. Phelps, president; Mrs. C. J. Phelps, vice-president; Mrs. S. D. Phelps, secretary; Mrs. L. A. Ambrose, treasurer; Mrs. Alton Furlough, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. B. Holmes, publicity and literature; Mrs. T. F. Davenport, education; Mrs. I. W. Furlough, missions; Mrs. D. H. Furlough, Orphanage; Mrs. L. E. Furlough, stewardship; Mrs. C. J. Hair, superannuation; Mrs. Bruce Phelps, field worker.

The meeting closed to meet with Mrs. L. E. Furlough in January. The hostess served a salad plate with hot postum.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Number on roll	15
Number sick visits made	117
Number flowers taken the sick	11
Number trays taken to the sick	57
Number quarts of milk	84
Number chapters read in the Bible	1298
Money raised by dues	\$17.63
Birthday dues	2.89
Money raised other ways	24.48

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	\$ 2.21
To Auxiliary Convention	3.00
For missions	1.15
For superannuation	1.00
For Christian education	0.50
For postage	0.70
For express	3.10
For floor wax	0.50
For door lock	1.70
For revival meeting	1.00
For paint, etc.	42.05
For shellac	2.75
Brought over from last year	24.74

Amount paid out	\$84.40
Balance in treasury	\$ 9.43

Mrs. A. G. Furlough, *Pres.,*
Mrs. A. D. Furlough, *Cor.-Secy.*

East Circle Aid Report

The East Circle Ladies Aid Society of Rock of Zion Church met in December with Sister Gertrude Dixon. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Eva Carmody, the president. The hymn, "Can the World See Jesus in You," was sung as the opening song. The scripture was read from the twelfth chapter of Revelation. The explanation was made by Sister Virginia Dixon, and prayer was offered by Gertrude Dixon.

The roll was called with seven members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The dues collected were \$1.10. A report was made concerning the prayer meeting which was held with Sister Mary Rice.

On motion we give Sister Maggie Hardison a handkerchief shower for Christmas, as a remembrance from the society. On motion we make a quilt as our next Orphanage project. We gladly received two new mem-

bers into our society. The following activities were entered into since our last meeting: Chapters read in the Bible, 102; sick visits made, 38; milk distributed, 30 quarts; flowers taken to the sick, 5.

The meeting adjourned with song and prayer to meet in January with Sister Eva Carmody and Sabrina Dixon. During the social hour we enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck Supper.

Mrs. C. C. Dixon, *Secy.*

Friendship Aid Report

Our regular meeting was held on December 10, 1939 at the home of Mrs. B. B. Richardson. The president called the meeting to order, and a very interesting program was rendered. The regular business was transacted with thirty members present and three visitors.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting; 257 chapters read in the Bible; 93 sick visits made; 5 trays given to the sick; 5 flowers sent; 48 quarts of milk; 7½ pounds of butter; 30 garments given to the needy; 1 funeral design given and 3 convalescent cards sent.

We were very pleased over our Birthday Box for the year, 1939, which contained \$9.25. We were very glad to report one hundred per cent present for the last meeting, and we hope that for the new year that we will have a fine attendance during the entire year.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hattie Hinton on January 14, 1940. After the meeting adjourned our hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Wilber Lewis, *Secy.*

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him. *Isaiah III. 10.*

*Rejoice, ye righteous, and record
The sacred honors of the Lord;
None but the soul that feels his
grace,
Can triumph in his holiness.*

Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him. *Isaiah III. 11.*

To Return to Panama Soon

(Continued from page three)

Davis is meeting. We thank God for you, then there are the staunch folk that still remain in Nebraska might we count on you?

Please ponder the following words:

"There is *nothing* between Christ and the perishing millions *but—you*. If there is nothing between Christ and you, He can reach and rescue the millions through you."—Miss Taylor.

Orphanage Alumni Notes (Middlesex, N. C.)

By W. H. Howell, Secretary

For some time a number of the former children and those connected with the institution have felt the need of an organization that would serve as a means of creating more interest among former children.

We are happy to announce that on last Thanksgiving Day, a number of the children returned and an Alumni Association was perfected. The following officers were elected for one year: President, Robert Brewer who is now senior at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, North Carolina; Secretary, Haywood Howell, assistant principal at Vass-Lakeview High School, Lakeview, North Carolina; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Howell, formerly Hazel Howell, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

During the meeting it was decided that the Alumni would sponsor a Home-Coming day annually. It was decided that their first one would be held in the spring. It was unanimously voted that a membership fee of one dollar per year would be paid to the treasurer who is Mrs. Frank Howell, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C. The present members are as follows: Rachel Bissette, Bailey, N. C., Route 3; Robert Brewer, Greenville, N. C., c/o E. C.

T. C.; Eppie Jane Craft, 312 Herrington Avenue, Wilson, N. C.; James Allen Davis, Prince George Street, Williamsburg, Va; Mrs. Frank Hollowell, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mrs. John Vick, formerly Esther Howell, 216 S. Center Street, Mt. Olive, N. C.; Mrs. Miles Tew, formerly Evelyn Howell, Fremont, N. C., Box 71; Mrs. Paul McCoy, formerly Myrtle Hawkins, Cove City, N. C.; Hazel Tippet, Middlesex, N. C.; Mrs. T. M. Humphrey, formerly Nellie Whitley, Dover, N. C.; Mrs. T. J. Dupree, formerly Helen Whitley, 214½ Cox Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. S. S. Stevenson, formerly Dorothy Whitley, Box 208, Whiteville, N. C.; and Mrs. Clayton Weeks, formerly Norma Gray Warwick, 318 East Cumberland Street, Dunn, N. C.

We recommend that all the Alumni students subscribe to the Free Will Baptist and read the "Alumni Notes."

W. H. Howell

Report of Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention of the Third Union meeting district of the Eastern North Carolina Association met at Rooty Branch Church on the Fourth Sunday in November, 1939. The meeting was opened by song and prayer.

A trio was rendered by some young men from Spring Hill Church. The league at Rooty Branch gave a very interesting program, after which the convention sermon was preached by Rev. Rustrom from Kinston, North Carolina. One hour was given for dinner.

Following the noon hour the convention was opened by song and prayer. The young men from Spring Hill gave another selection. Then Mr. Rustrom rendered a musical selection on his accordion. The business of the convention was entered into. A list of schools was called

with ten schools representing with \$11.00 as donations.

Brother Sammie Jones discussed the importance of sending someone to visit and to create more interest in the places where there are no schools. All superintendents are to meet on the Fourth Sunday in April to make plans, and to discuss having a teachers' school some time in the spring.

The next convention will meet with Cabin Church in Duplin County on the Fourth Sunday in May, 1940. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Rooty Branch Church for the kind hospitality given to the convention. The convention adjourned until the next time in course.

Rashie Kennedy, Secy.

Carteret Union Report

The Carteret Union Meeting met with Sound View Church on December 30, 1939. The services were opened with song, and prayer was offered by Mr. J. F. Small. After prayer there was a short testimony service held, and almost everyone testified. The presence of the Lord was really felt in the meeting.

The introduction sermon was preached at the eleven o'clock hour by W. E. Anderson. At twelve o'clock dinner was served on the ground, and everyone fully enjoyed the good things to eat. The entire day was enjoyed by all.

I wish to thank Sound View Church for the splendid way in which it entertained the union meeting.

The following is the financial report of the union: Received \$23.16; for retired ministers, \$6; for education, \$2; for home missions, \$2; for foreign missions, \$3; and for the Zion Bible School, \$3; to the secretary, \$2.00.

Leslie Styron, Mod.,
Elizabeth Smithson, Secy.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
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Zaleski, Ohio

A New Standard of Greatness

(Lesson for January 25)

Lesson: Matthew 20: 17-28.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8).

The city of Marseilles was once visited by the plague. The ravages were fearful. Parents deserted their children, and children forgot their parents, to take care of themselves. The city became a desert. Everyone who remained was sad, for no one could stop the ravages of the plague. The doctors consulted together, but they could find no remedy. They agreed that it was necessary for one of them to open the body of some one who had died to find out the nature of the plague. But who would do this, for it was certain that the one who did it would himself die soon after?

There was a pause. Suddenly one of the most celebrated physicians, a man in the prime of life, rose and said: "Be it so; I devote myself to the safety of my country. I swear, in the name of humanity and religion, that to-morrow at the break of day, I will dissect a corpse, and write down as I proceed what I observe." He went home made his will (for he was a rich man), and spent that evening in religious exercises. During the night a man died of the plague. Guyon, the physician, entered the room the next morning, and made the examination. As he wrote down all he saw, then, left the room and put the paper into vinegar, so that it would not convey the plague to others. He then went to a convenient place, where he died within twelve hours.—*Nuntius, in Hom. Com.*

*I want my life with Jesus hid,
That I may do what He shall bid;
I want to love as Jesus did;
I want my life to tell for Jesus.*

*To wealth and fame I would not climb,
But I would know God's peace sublime,
And ev'rything and all the time,
I want my life to tell for Jesus.*
—Mrs. F. A. Breck.

I. Lesson High Points

1. Doting mothers may be dangerous allies of dutiful sons. James and John stand high amongst the Apostles, and their permanent place in Heaven will be peculiarly exalted. Yet that place, the reward of merit, will cause no jealousy in the hearts of their comrades nor superiority complex in their own.

This mother had much to commend her. She believed in, and worshipped Jesus, the King-to-be. Moreover she did not withhold her sons, but gladly surrendered them for His service. Yet she was presumptuous and premature. Her fleshly motive was wrong.

2. The eyes of James and John were upon the seats of honor in the Kingdom to come. The crown, not the cross, filled their vision. They rightly, like Moses, "had respect unto the recompence of the reward" (Hebrew 11:26), but as yet they were foolishly ignorant of the implications of the cross. They were on *that* side of Calvary. The only one in the group of thirteen who anticipated the agonies of Calvary was Christ Himself. His outlook was balanced. He would endure that He might enjoy (Heb. 12:2).—*R. K. G.*

3. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are of no account in comparison of the glory which is to be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

Thus say the Christian prisoners, for Christ's sake, everywhere.

"In 1911 when the Baptist World Congress thirty Russians were in-

troduced; they were all sufferers, the least of which was to have been in a Russian prison for Christ's sake; some bore the marks of the gnout upon their backs; some had been in exile in Siberia. The 3,000 there that day, in the presence of such cross-bearing almost sobbed aloud. How ashamed we were at our bit that we had ever borne."—*The Fellowship Evangel.*

4. An old Puritan said, "I do not quarrel with Paul's language, but I do dispute his right to push me out of my place. '*Less than the least*' (Ephesians 3:8) is my place." Every Christian can experience and manifest spiritual humility. It is free from desire to dictate or lord it over others. Is expressed through thoughtful, humble, gracious sacrificial service unto others in Christ's Name.

God's followers—even choice servants—often manifest the opposite to Christian humility. Two Apostles sought self-honor. They desired self-advancement at the sacrifice of others. They were thoughtless, selfish, proud, self-confident, self-sufficient and boastful. They strove for position. Ten Apostles were impatient, ungracious, harsh and inconsistent with these spiritually weak followers.

A Christian testified that he once thought spiritual advancement meant climbing higher and higher, but later learned that it meant going lower and lower for Christ. Carey, a poor cobbler, thoughtless of self and desiring to save others, left England for India, midst criticism and misunderstanding of friends and wife. Later he was honored as the Wycliffe of the East—a great Bible translator.—*W. M.*

6. Read Joshua 5:13-15. Those who have the Senior, and Advanced quarterlies will find much to delight their souls. Let's use the Home Daily Bible Readings.

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Was I Proud? OF MY PEOPLE

By Rev. Willet L. Moretz

I am certain you will agree that I have cause to be proud of the good people I try in my weak way to serve, when I tell you what they did for me at Christmas time. When I left Hickory Chapel after the last appointment before Christmas, I was presented with money, from the Ladies Bible Class, to buy a new hat. This made my heart rejoice. On Saturday before Christmas, while at Gum Swamp, a friend asked me to meet him at a certain store in Greenville that afternoon. Upon my arrival I was told that members of Gum Swamp Church, the Ladies Aid and other friends were making me a present of a suit of clothes. This was certainly a happy surprise. The suit was selected and prepared. The next day (Sunday) I went into the pulpit and looked over the congregation and announced that I was the best dressed preacher present.

After services I went to my car to start home to spend Christmas with my family, and I found that the car had been filled with individual presents and good things to eat. I went home very happy, realizing that it is my privilege to be serving some of the best people on earth.

Wife and I appreciated every Greeting Card our friends sent us. May God's richest blessing be with all you good people, and may the future be prosperous for all. I am justly proud of my people.

North Carolina Sunday Schools Take Notice

At the last sitting of the State Association which convened at Little Creek church in Greene County a motion was passed to organize a State Association of Sunday Schools for North Carolina. I was appoint-

ed chairman of a committee of three to draft plans for the organization. It was decided that we meet in conjunction with the next State Association of churches i. e. on Wednesday before the Association meets on Thursday for the purpose of organizing. The committee was asked to draw up plans for delegates to make their report to the body, so that a sufficient number of delegates would be present to form the organization. A form has been drawn up for your approval as follows:

Name of School: _____

Name of Superintendent: _____

Address _____

Name of delegate or delegates (not more than five): _____

When S. S. was organized _____

No. on roll then (?) _____ No. on roll now _____ Approximate annual

increase _____ No. Teachers _____

No. officers _____ Kind of literature

used _____

Contribution _____ (1c per member including teachers and officers).

News from Sidney Church

Rev. Herman Wooten held the regular services at Sidney on the Third Saturday and Sunday in December. It being Quarterly meeting time, we had a large attendance to each of these services. It made us feel glad to see the attendance better than it has been. Our pastor is working very hard to build up our church. But there is still a plenty of room for improvement.

We want everyone who lives near enough to come to Sidney to our church services. Our services are at 7:00 p. m. on Third Saturday nights, Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, and at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday evenings.

Our Christmas program which was given at Sidney on Wednesday evening December 20, was well attended. The Christmas tree was very beautiful with brightly colored lights which were furnished by our newly installed delco light plant.

Immediately after the program was over, the presents were given out from the tree to each child from the ages of one to twelve. After all of the presents were handed out, then the congregation was dismissed with the League benediction.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Reporter

Behold God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. *Isaiah XII. 2.*

Our God, how firm his promise stands,

E'en when he hides his face;
He trusts in our Redeemer's hands
His glory and his grace.

O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. *Isaiah XII. 1.*

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

LAWLESS. God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call home Brother J. H. Lawless of Eufaula, Oklahoma. He was born on September 18, 1861 and died on December 21, 1939. He was married to Malindy Lowery, and to this union were born eight children, two sons and six daughters. All are surviving except one. His wife is also living.

The children living are: B. L. Lawless, Johnnie Lawless, Mrs. Etta Rowe, Mrs. Ada Chambliss, Mrs. Mollie Rowe, Mrs. Effie Tallent, and Mrs. Jane Boys Watanga. Other close relatives are: three brothers, H. B., Tom, and C. C. Lawless, one sister, Mrs. Zula Coburn.

Brother Lawless was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist church at the age of 15. At an early age he was ordained as deacon in the church. He has ever been faithful to God, to the church, and to his family and his fellowman.

It has been my happy privilege to serve as pastor of churches with Brother Lawless on the Board of Deacons. I always found him at his post of duty when able. He was ready to encourage, to lend a helping hand, and ready to give counsel when needed. Truly he was a faithful servant of God.

For several years Brother Lawless' health was very bad, but he bore his afflictions with patience. The most appreciative word which I may say for him is the language of Jesus: "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

To his family I say turn your hearts heavenward, and put your trust in God. It will be only a short while before you will join him on the other shore.

The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church at Pryor, Oklahoma, by Brother Virgil Florence of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and myself. The pallbearers were Free Will Baptist preachers and deacons.

This is written in loving remembrance of a dear old comrade of the cross.

By I. B. Dunaway,
Stilwell, Oklahoma,
Route 2

TUGWELL. On September 22, 1939, Brother John H. Tugwell, after a protracted illness, peacefully passed away. He was born April 6, 1876. He was married to Nannie Parker of Pitt County, 39 years ago, and to this union were born four children: Mrs. Jim Gay, Mervin, Sam and Auel, and also one adopted daughter, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Eason.

He lead a very active life until not long before his death and was a consecrated and loyal member of Howell Swamp Church. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery near his home.

By the Committee,

Mrs. Carlos Walston,
Mrs. Frank Shirley

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Since July 23, 1939 the following sisters of Rains Cross Roads church have been claimed by death, Maggie Langley, Pearl Holland, Gurtie Campell, and Hattie Mitchell. Therefore be it resolved,

FIRST—That we bow humbly to the Lord's will, thanking Him for the years of fellowship and association with our sisters and that we strive to fashion our lives in accord with their high ideals and aspirations in our Christian career.

SECOND—That we extend to their families our deepest sympathy, and point them to God, and to the church which they served so well for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

THIRD—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Bertha Evans,
J. W. Boyette,

Committee

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, Rains Cross Roads church, has lost one of its highest esteemed members, in the passing of Rev. A. A. Wells, on July 1, 1939, and whereas his short years of faithful service and Christian influence is worthy of our deepest gratitude and emulation, Therefore be it resolved:

FIRST—That because God blesses the world with such lives filled with loving kindness and service, we are made to see how we may make our own lives gentle and dutiful.

SECOND—That to his family we express our sincere sympathy and we invoke God's blessings upon them. May the memory of his life be an incentive to them to strive to reach the Heavenly portals which we feel sure is his portion.

THIRD—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
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F. W. B. Orphanage Report for November, 1939

Receipts

Balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1939.....\$2,057.46
Nash County Commissioners 75.00

Religious Organizations..... 1,453.50
Parents and Relatives 12.75
Individuals 265.40
Concerns 501.10

Total\$4,365.11

Expenditures

Salaries\$ 547.12
Office Supplies 19.40
Financing and Publicity 1.40
Food 164.40
Car Payment 27.00
Clothing 350.80
Household 47.30
Travel Relating to the care of children 63.80
Concert Class expenses 28.40
Hospital bills 91.60
Education supplies 15.90
Freight charges and shipping fees 13.40
Farm supplies 97.70
Replacement of livestock 230.00
Tractor payment 260.00
Sign 10.00

Total Expenditures\$1,969.40
Balance on Hand Dec. 1..... 2,396.20

\$4,365.20

Receipts Itemized

Balance on Hand Nov. 1\$2,057.46
Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson 5.00
F. W. B. S. S., Lockhart, S. C. 5.00
Bethel Church, Pamlico County..... 3.00
The Lower Pee Dee Union at Mt. Ariel 5.00
Carteret County Union 10.00
Cape Fear Union, donation 13.00
Hansley's Chapel Church 21.00
King's Chapel Church 2.00
Oak Grove Church, Durham Co. 5.00
Aston Avenue Church 6.00
Union Grove Church, Durham Co. 3.00
Union View Church 1.00
West Hillsboro Church 16.00
Free Union Church, Wake Co. 2.00
Adult League of Hansley's Chapel Church 2.00
Individual Churches (last 10 churches of Third District Union 14.00
Cape Fear Association 27.00
Riverside Church 7.00
Second Union of the Central Conference 65.00
Martin F. W. B. Union 8.00
Mrs. A. J. Thompson 10.00
Mt. Zion S. S. Kannapolis 10.00
Third Union of the Eastern Association, donation 90.00
Pleasant Plains Church and S. S. Concert Class 1.00
Nash County Commissioners..... 75.00
Rock Fish S. S. Convention 1.00
Cedar Hill Church and S. S. 1.00
Elwood Lane Church 2.00
Powhatan Church 2.00
New Sandy Hill Church 2.00
Core Creek S. S. 2.00
Goldboro Sunday School (Birthday

collection and offering)	6.68	Juniper Chapel Church	1.15	St. Mary's Church, New Bern, By	
Mt. Zion Sunday School, Nash Co.	11.00	Standard Grocery Company	1.00	food and household supplies	4.25
Cape Fear Original Conference	9.45	Davis Church	52.00	L. A. S. of Rains Cross Roads	
Central Conference, offering	115.51	A. M. Shrago and Sons	5.00	Church, chairs	2.50
Central Conference appropriation	170.75	Casey's Chapel Church	68.00	Rains Cross Roads Church, farm	
Spring Branch Ch. Greene Co.	5.00	Sandy Grove Church, St. Pauls,		supplies and food	63.00
Mrs. H. E. Dixon	2.50	North Carolina	2.45	Sun Beam class of Malachi's	
Junior League of Free Union		B. H. Owens	5.00	Chapel, clothing	3.50
Church, Beaufort County	1.00	H. F. Waters	10.00	Young People's League of Marshall	
Mrs. Ida Dixon, Pitt County	.50	White Oak Church, Bladenboro,		Church, clothing	5.25
Mrs. Penny Cobb	1.00	offering	12.06	Greenville Church, fruit	8.00
Pee Dee Association	5.01	Mrs. D. B. Pate	.50	L. A. S. of Rains Cross Roads	
Kinston Sunday School	11.27	S. F. High	2.00	Church, shades	3.00
Warden's Grove Sunday School,		Prospect Church, Harnett County	30.25	Hansley's Chapel Vacation Bible	
Lowland	1.89	Saratoga Church, offering	15.00	class, clothing	2.00
Union Chapel Church	5.36	Deep Run Sunday School	14.43	Shady Grove Church, food and feed	16.25
Union Chapel Sunday School	3.91	Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Williams	4.00	White Oak Church, Bladenboro,	
Parker's Chapel Sunday School	3.10	Craven Tart, Dunn, North		food	1.40
L. A. S. of People's Chapel Ch.	5.00	Carolina	.50	Mrs. W. E. Hollowell, fruit	2.40
Winterville Sunday School	3.00	Cecil Jernigan, Dunn, N. C.	.50	Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, fruit	2.50
Fifth Eastern Union Meeting Dis-		Woodrow Tart, Dunn, N. C.	.50	Prospect Church, food	13.85
trict of the Eastern Assn.	25.00	Mt. Zion Church, Wilson Co.	8.00	Saratoga Church, food	21.25
L. A. S. of Antioch Church	2.00	Kinston Church	35.00	Selma P. W. B. Church, clothing	
St. John's Church, Chesterfield		Hickory Grove Church	18.96	and food	12.75
South Carolina	10.00	W. H. Howell	4.00	Union Grove, Wayne Co. By R.	
L. A. S. of the F. W. B. Pro-		W. C. Marshburn	1.00	L. Fleming, food	2.00
gressive Association,		J. G. Paul	1.00	Hugo Church, food	14.80
offering	2.70	James Allen Davis	10.00	Mrs. Bessie Pate, clothing	13.00
Lucama Church, Wilson County		Roberts Grove Church	15.00	Hickory Grove Church, food	4.80
(by Superintendent)	25.00	Mrs. Mary J. Jump	1.00	Mt. Zion Church, Wilson Co., food	3.52
Beulaville Sunday School	6.55	Oak Grove Church, Craven Co. *		Friendship Church, Johnston	
Johnson's Union Church	7.00	Palmetta Chapel, Craven Co. *		Co., food	18.00
L. A. S. of Hull Road Church	3.00	Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.	6.75	Jessie Gay, feed	37.70
Concert Class	139.79	Reunion Chapel, Craven Co., By		Palmetta Chapel, Craven Co.,	
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00	Levi Powers *		Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.,	
J. B. Brigman	15.00	Pleasant Plains Church	2.00	Oak Grove, Craven Co., Re-	
Eastern Association	100.00	Mrs. Emma West	1.00	union Chapel, Craven Co.,	
Gum Neck Sunday School	4.50	Mrs. W. B. Strickland	1.00	food	74.00
Lane's Chapel Sunday School	1.80	Friendship L. A. S., Johnston Co.	4.25	Pleasant Plains Church, food	75.00
Friendship Church, Johnston		Mrs. T. G. Pittman	1.00	Shiloh Church, farm supplies and	
County (by Superintendent)	110.25	Jessie R. Brewer	1.00	food	46.50
St. Mary's Church, New Bern		Mrs. Henry Applewhite	5.00	L. A. S. of Shiloh Church,	
(by Superintendent)	16.42	Hugo Church	6.51	household	3.50
Moss and Co.	5.00	Shiloh Church, Beaufort Co.	10.85	L. A. S. of Selma Church, clothing	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Moore	3.00	Thanksgiving Collection on yard	85.35	Aid clothing	37.50
S. F. High, Jr.	5.00	Aid Money	68.25		
Carbisco Feed Mills	15.00				
White Oak Hill Church	4.00				
Stancel's Chapel Church	18.00				
Concert Class	104.67				
Hazel Tippet	10.00				
Oak Grove Church No. 2, Bladen					
County	1.00				
John M. Linton	10.00	Deep Run L. A. S., clothing	\$ 13.25		
Alma Broughton, Teacher's Board	10.00	Union View Church, household	16.50		
Concert Class	137.72	Mrs. Nancy Allen, coat	5.00		
Kemp's Barber Shop, Farmville	2.00	Holly Springs Church, Johnston Co.	6.00		
Branch Chapel Church, offering	11.35	Mrs. Appie Flanigan, Farmville,			
Lucy Warren, Shady Grove Ch.	1.00	fruit	18.30		
L. J. Carlyle	32.50	Mrs. Joe Stucky, Fremont,			
Dawson's Grove Church	10.00	N. C., clothing	8.00		
Rains Cross Roads Church	19.00	L. A. S. at Glenwood, Ark., quilt	3.00		
Red's Barber Shop, Wilson	2.75	L. A. S. of the N. circle of Grants-			
Pleasant Grove Church, Har-		boro Church, household	7.40		
nett County	4.50	Friendship Church, Jones Co.,			
Stacy Church	2.61	furniture and school supplies	25.00		
Cabin Church	3.25	Miss Ella Ferrell, clothing	3.00		
Barrett's Printing House	5.00	Arapahoe L. A. S., rug and picture	8.80		
Young People's League of Marshal		Friendship L. A. S., Johnston			
Church	11.50	Co., curtains	3.00		
W. H. Applewhite	5.00	Messers. D. O. and D. E. Wilder,			
Corinth Church, Sampson County	10.75	picture and Wall Pockets	.60		
		Rock of Zion S. S. and L. A. S.,			
		food and school supplies	8.50		

Total \$4,365.28

Donated Commodities

Total donated commodities \$623.57

Aids Having Furnished Cash or Clothing for Adopted Children

Aid	Child	Amount
Friendship Church, Greene Co.,		
Nancy Allen		\$12.50
Pleasant Grove L. A. S., Pikeville		
Frances Brewer		10.00
Truth Seekers S. S. Class of Bryan,		
Texas, Annie Bissett		5.00
Fourth Union Meeting of the Central		
Conference, Hicks Tripp		12.50
Mt. Tabor Church, Ashley Harrell		12.50
Hopewell L. A. S., Lucy Harrell		12.50
St. Mary's L. A. S., Wilson Co.,		
Gold Ange		3.25
Total		\$68.25
Aid	Child	Value
Deep Run L. A. S., Irene Watson		\$20.00
Goldsboro L. A. S., Cathrine West		17.50
Total		\$37.50

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vanity, and seek after leasing [falsehood]?
Sel-lah.

Ps. 12:2; 31:6, 18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD;
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent
[come before] thee.
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Where thrilleth folly's song,
Leaving a sting behind;
Yet to my hand 'twas given
A golden harp to buy,
Such as the white-robed choir attune
To deathless minstrelsy.

LOST! lost! lost!

I feel all search in vain;
The gem of countless cost
Can ne'er be mine again.
I offer no reward,
For till these heart-strings sever
I know that Heaven-entrusted gift
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Who judgeth quick and dead;
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That man can ne'er repair,
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The Mission of the Church

By Thomas E. Beaman

Text: Mark 16:15—Go ye in to all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Our Lord gave His marching orders to the Church in His closing words in the gospel as recorded by St. Mark. Surely there never was a time when the Church needs to reconsider the duties enjoined upon her in her message to a lost world; for we stand today in the midst of a world torn with strife and distrust, when seemingly church members have become cold and indifferent toward the great mission of its Founder. In such a world, and in such a time as this we must not place emphasis upon secondary matters, nor divert our strength on lesser aims.

The church of Jesus Christ is not a political bloc, nor a reform agency, and neither is it a social organization. Her duty is plain and clear. She is to proclaim the gospel of Glad Tidings to a sin cursed world, to win converts to Christ, to indocrinate them in the Word, and to engraft them into the body of Christ. Wherever this is done a marked change will take place; for said Jesus, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Our business then is to hold high the Cross of Christ, and to stay hid ourselves that we might not obstruct the view, that the world may take a look at Christ and the Cross and live.

I. The Only Power that Can Transform

I am submitting to you the fact, that the Gospel is the only power that can change the heart of man. No law, no forced improvement, no planned economy can make this place a better and happier place to live in, unless the heart of man is changed. I do not mean, that we should not do things to improve social condition, or to relieve suffering

humanity. But these measures will largely be in vain without an experimental change in a man's heart, brought about by the grace of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ will change a man's heart and make it right with God. It will transform the vilest sinner into a calm, right thinking and useful being. The Gospel is basic, it works at the very foundation of all wrong, and undermines the root of all evils. If we begin our work elsewhere, it will fail. Therefore, the Gospel and the Gospel alone can transform the human heart.

II. Satisfying the Soul

Our souls will not be satisfied with the earthly and material things of life. Our souls will starve on them. For well did Christ say during the days of His temptations by Satan, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and, again, to the woman at the well, "Whosoever, shall drink of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever, shall drink of the water that I give shall never thirst." God's word informs us of a provision which He has made for the souls of human beings, and our soul's deepest needs can never be filled by the material things of this life.

What higher mission could the church possibly aspire to, than to be able to feed hungry and thirsty souls the bread and water of eternal life. In the fulfillment of that mission the glory of the church is increased when we see the soul, redeemed and lifted up.

III. The Church the Only Agency

The task of carrying the Gospel to the four corners of the earth belongs to the Church. Christ did not give that task to reform agencies, to clubs, or lodges, nor to any other agency. The Woman's Club, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, nor

any lodges, have ever been known to lead a single soul to Jesus Christ. And when the church steps aside from her appointed work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to engage in lesser aims, she is negligent of her duty and the sincere Word is not preached.

Our own land is destitute of the greater spiritual blessings which rightly belong to it, because of the neglect of the Church to fully accomplish her task. Our larger cities are ruled by the gangsters and racketeers and so full of lawlessness and crime that the cruelties of savages seem mild in comparison to the heinous things done by them.

Our smaller cities and towns, as well as the rural communities are overrun with crime, and a disregard for that which is right. How can these things be? Only because the Church is neglectful of her mission. If every church member was ready to obey the Great Commission of Christ, our land would not be filled with godlessness, but would be filled with righteousness and a happy and contented people.

IV. Scientific Discoveries Not the Solution

The American Association for the Advancement of Science recently proposed that its organization hold back some of their destructive creations. Sir Oliver Lodge, one of its members, said, "We know things that never should have been known. Many of our discoveries have been so grossly abused, until the world is sick and tired of scientific achievement."

Our knowledge enriched by scientific discoveries has outstripped our moral advance. They have not led us into a greater appreciation of God, but rather have had a tendency to lead us away from God, which ought not to be done, and in so do-

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EDITORIAL

We want to call attention to the large number of subscriptions to the Baptist that are now in arrears. For several weeks a number of the subscribers have failed to renew their subscriptions. But we must insist that they renew soon to avoid us from having to discontinue their papers. We hate to do this, for the Press needs your patronage and you should continue taking the church paper.

We are prone to believe that these arrears are largely due to an oversight on the part of those who are behind with their renewals. It is easy for anyone to forget the date when his subscription expires. However, the Business Manager reminds delinquent subscribers through the mails of their delay in sending in their renewals. He is very desirous to co-operate with all subscribers whose papers are in arrears. Beginning with the new year, he is hoping to keep the subscriptions as near to date as possible. We are urging, therefore, all subscribers to renew as soon as the labels on their papers show that they have expired.

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There is need of greater emphasis to be made, at the beginning of this year, for the main programs of the church work; namely, Superannuation, Missions, Education and Orphanage work. These four outstanding phases, or departments of the work of the church, should be well provided for by the whole denomination. All four are vital to the growth and service of the church, and neither of them should be neglected, or overlooked, but each should be given due consideration by every local church and auxiliary in the denomination.

In fact, they should go hand-in-hand; that is to say, be given proper consideration for the place each is to fill in the work of the church. All four are vitally necessary, for

each of them has a worthy place in the work. Some church leaders stress some of these phases more than they do the others. This is expected, however, for those who are members of these respective Boards, for they are to urge the support of their respective fields of service. But the churches as a whole, and the pastors should emphasize in their churches the importance of these four departments of the work.

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THE ANNA PHILLIPS EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND is a worthy piece of work which the Women's Auxiliary instituted a few years ago for the benefit of helping worthy boys and girls to further their education after finishing high school. This loan has helped some of the worthy boys who could not otherwise have entered college. These boys are making good in their courses at college, and are very thankful of the aid which the Loan Fund gave them. There are others who may be helped by this fund at any time they are ready to make application for funds to assist them to go to college. Although the Fund is small as yet, it nevertheless stands ready to be of a blessing to worthy boys and girls.

We are wondering why there has not been much said about the Fund here of late in the Baptist paper. Since it is a fine piece of work which the Women's Auxiliary started, it seems to us that more should be said concerning this Fund that the people may be well informed from time to time about its purpose and the good it is doing to aid worthy students in college. Moreover, greater emphasis should be laid in all of the Aids, we believe, to raise more money for this purpose. It is not showing the proper interest to let such a fine piece of work as this to lag, and to be almost forgotten. When a good thing has been

started in the church for the good of a worthy cause, it should, by all means, continue on to further good. Let us hope, therefore, that the women will this year, and also the pastors will urge the churches and the different auxiliaries of the churches to continue on supporting the Anna Phillips Loan Fund so that more students will be able to get help from this Fund for the coming years.

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From several of the Annual Reports of the different Aid societies of the various churches, we see evidences of some fine work having been accomplished during the past year. This is a good sign of the interest taken locally by the women of the church. Accordingly, let us hope that more of the Aids will this year seek to do more for the great cause of the kingdom than they did during the past year. It is understood from all reports, that some Aids are not so active as others, and that interest seems to be very slight among their members. This year they should take a new start, and resolve to send in fine reports, especially if they have really something to report for the public to read. We want to know about the good things which you are doing for the cause of Christ. Will you do this this year? It is discouraging, on the other hand, to learn that there are several churches in North Carolina that do not have an Aid society nor a Missionary society organized. Think what they are missing in service which they should be rendering for the Lord, and the cause of humanity! Every church should have a live Aid society with a fine membership of women busy in this great work. They should get busy and organize, and fall in line with the other women and do things to forward the great work of the church. God is not pleased with their backwardness, and slothfulness to get into the great work which the other women are carrying forward with a fine spirit of co-operation in the cause of spreading the Gospel.

My Prayer

Dear Lord, another year has gone,
Whose blessings were all thine
own;

And from whose hand of plenty,
Thou has supplied and comforted
many.

And, now we come, 'tis a New Year
With all its best wishes and good
cheer;

We do not pray for obstacles re-
moved,
But the Spirit empowered for all,
yes all.

Help me thy kindness to know,
As thy kindness to others I may
show;

And keep me ever on the pace,
Administering to the human race.

And some of those blessings
throughout the year

We trust we'll be able to share;
And whatever thou hast in store for
us,

Even of Thy kindness to others
bear.

So, Lord, as we make our start,
This hill of life to climb;
Grant us a blessing this year and
many more,

Is our plea, dear Lord. Is it
Thine?

*Written from Snow Hill—
(No Signature)*

Christmas Superannuation Drive in North Carolina

The following shows a list of churches with their donations, that responded to the request of the Superannuation Board of the State Association of North Carolina in the November drive for five cents per member for the retired ministers of our denomination in this state. The response by the pastors was not so co-operative as we had hoped for, however we are grateful for the work some of the pastors did.

Elwood Lane	\$ 2.20
Rocky Mount	2.21
Flood's Chapel	1.55

Dilda's Grove	1.50
Hull Road	7.00
Spring Branch	6.50
Hopewell	5.00
Core Creek	5.36
Brice's Creek	1.75
Bridgeton	4.65
Whaley's Chapel	3.30
Snow Hill, Duplin County	2.70
Winterville, and Rev. M. C. Prescott	1.10
Union Chapel	5.00
Beaufort	2.30
Reunion Chapel	1.75
Casey's Chapel	3.00
Aspin Grove	5.22
Kinston L. A. Society	2.00
Total	\$62.09

We sent checks of equal amounts, to the retired ministers of this state as Christmas gifts, which we trust helps to prove, in a small way, our love and loyalty to them. Superannuation work is worthy of our active consideration and support, for the sake of the veteran Gospel bearers who are still with us.

Yours for superannuation,
Superannuation Board of
North Carolina State Assn.,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Home Missions

Think of it! A New Year, which we welcome in all its glistening newness, has come to us, the old year has died and gone from us. There is always something sad about last things. As Dr. Johnson has said, "No man does anything for the last time without a feeling of sadness."

Have we done our best in regard to National Home Missions during the past year? I am afraid that most of us have not. I am reminded of the words of our Saviour when speaking to three of His disciples on the last night before He was to be crucified. He said to them at the gate, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation, while I go yonder and pray." He withdrew

and for a while they struggled to keep awake. Then sleep overcame them. They knew nothing till they awoke to find the Master standing over them. They were ashamed, they knew not what to say; and as He turned away they fell asleep again. For the third time, He came back and they tried to arouse themselves, but He bid them sleep on and take their rest.

The Irrevocable past, "Sleep on now." The opportunity is lost and gone, as far as 1939 is concerned. We may have been found asleep by our Master, by failing to show interest in Our home Mission Work. The past is irrevocable. But the sudden transition, the sharp word of command "*Rise let us be going*," summoned them to new chances, opportunities and springing hopes. "Sleep on," the past is fixed, beyond your power to mend. "Rise up, let us be going" to meet the future. May all our people everywhere, hear the call of our Master and rise up and rally to our Home Mission work in this year of 1940 as never before.

M. L. Hollis, *Chairman*,
Nat'l Home Mission Board

Notice

The Sunday School Rally of the Third Union Meeting District will meet at South View Church on January 28, 1940 at 2:30.

Special music will be rendered by the Carden Sisters. Delegates from each Sunday School will be asked to give improvements of their Sunday School and plans for this year.

Everyone is welcome.

Are you coming?

Annie B. Price, *Secretary*

An Afterthought

Life is like a story in volumes three, The past, the present, and yet to be; The first is finished and laid away, The second we're living day by day, The third and last of volume three It's locked from our sight; God holds the key.—*Selected by*

Mrs. S. L. Silverthorn

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Albemarle Union—It was our privilege to attend the Albemarle Union meeting December the 30th and 31st. I was honored with preaching the Union sermon at 11: a. m. on Saturday. Sunday is given over to the Sunday School Convention which has its own officers. The Albemarle Union has for several years made it a business to sponsor the Orphanage in a special way; that is, to raise what money they can. Most of the churches



Rev. Griffin

or Sunday schools have one Sunday in each month—with the offerings going to the Orphanage. Then they take the amount to the Union on Sunday, and thus, they create interest in the orphanage work. At this meeting they had Rev. M. E. Tyson to preach on Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. His message was greatly enjoyed. In all, the Albemarle Union and Sunday School Convention is one of the best organizations of its kind in the State. And Corinth proved to be a good place for the Union to be entertained. We were happy to be there.

Friends of Jesus—Jesus tells us in John 15:14 "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." This certainly is an exalted position. Just think of a poor lost sinner—down under condemnation—being lifted to the place that he can be a friend of Jesus. Before being saved we are enemies of Christ. But remember, the little word "If" is the pivot upon which our *friendship* hinges. If a person does not repent he cannot become a friend of Jesus. To keep that *friendship* one must keep on doing "whatsoever" the Master commands. This makes it extremely necessary that we attend

to the reading of the Scriptures that we may find the many commandments of our Lord. We have no right to call Christ Lord unless we are willing and ready to do what He says for us to do. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46).

A Hard Question—A young lady writes (I quote in part) "I want you to pray for my mother that she may be healed," then she goes on to tell me her trouble in other matters, troubles regarding the young man whom she loves, and asking various questions. In answer to one of these, we are commanded to "obey our parents in the Lord." I think that all young women as far as possible, and young men too, should please their parents in marriage. However, no one should ever marry anyone to please others, even parents, when love is lacking. Again, the apostle Paul says that we "should not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14). Thousands of young women have made a miserable failure in life by marrying unbelievers. Many have filled premature graves by taking sinful, unbelieving men to be their husbands. Men commit great crimes by marrying little butter-flies who care not for God and His Christ. If possible, every Christian who desires to be married should seek a mate who is a Christian. A real Christian marriage with real old-fashion love never ends in a divorce court. A great many couples of today just marry without God, without hope, and without faith, but marry in sin, for lust of the flesh, for wealth, for a good time, etc., and therefore their home is a "little hell" on earth. If you want to marry, *pray over it*, and be sure that you are right, then go ahead.

The Lord my portion is,
I shall be well supplied;
Since he is mine, and I am his,
What can I want beside?

Free Union Senior League News

The Aid society of Bridgeton Church meets each week at the home of the different members. It opens with a devotional period, and a very interesting program is usually given in connection with the lesson. Next, we enter into the business of the society which is interesting also, because there is such a great work that needs to be done. We always try to put our money to the very best advantage.

At the closing of the old year we elected our new officers for the new year. They are as follows: Mrs. G. C. Pate, president; Mrs. Arnicie Rowe, vice-president; Mrs. Nelson Simpson, secretary; Mrs. Ludie Barbour, treasurer.

REPORT OF THE YEAR'S WORK
(Jan. 1, 1939 to Dec. 31, 1939)

Members on roll	34
New members	3
Active members	17
Money raised by dues	\$108.26
Money raised by other ways	201.99

Total money raised ---\$310.25

Disbursements

To Foreign and Home Missions	\$20.50
To the Orphanage	47.60
To Orphanage Singing Class	4.50
Clothing for adopted Orphanage boy	25.00
To benevolence	21.05
Convention dues	6.35
Per capita dues to district	3.40
For church expenses	86.30
For Christian education	15.00
Used locally	46.87
For Superannuation	\$31.05

Total -----\$307.67

Balance in treasury -----\$ 2.58
Our Aid is very active in visiting the sick from time to time, and sending trays and flowers, and other things that are connected with the work of a good Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Nelson Simpson, Secy.
Bridgeton, N. C.

News from Senior Boys and Girls Class

(Reedy Branch Sunday School)

Our class has on roll 35 members with only 17 being active though, but we are hoping for a better attendance for this new year. We want to have a better report, too, for this new year.

Report of Class Work

Paid for clothing for Orphanage girl, Virginia Langley	\$25.00
For her Christmas present ..	6.00
For stamps and cards .....	.65
For gifts to members of the class who married during the year	5.00
Given to the needy	9.00
Clothing given to the needy ..	2.00
Miscellaneous	5.82
Total paid out	\$53.47
Balance in the treasury	8.19
Sick visits made	141
Fruit taken to the sick (basket) ..	1
Milke (quarts) given to the needy	51½
Flowers sent (baskets)	14
Books	4
Confectioneries (boxes)	1
Mrs. Callie Tripp, Secy.-Treas.	

A Request for Prayer

Dear Baptist Readers:

About nine years ago I was very sick and I asked your prayers thru the columns of the Baptist and a large number of letters were received from many sections of the country in which I was assured of your prayers. God blessed me and I was raised up. Now I am sick again and asking your prayers and if it is convenient for you to write I will greatly appreciate hearing from you. From one who believes in prayer, and a,

Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Debbie Hardison.

New Bern, N. C.,

Route 2

"Then It's Not Fit for Me"

Among those converted in our evangelistic meeting in Korea was an old woman, who was taught as much as the missionary could during a short period of time, after which she had to pass on.

Months afterward the missionary revisited the village and again called on her old friend. The old lady told her how, after she had left, she had sat in her hut evenings, puffing away on her beloved old pipe, and thinking of the wonderful gospel story and of the love of the Saviour towards her. And as she thought of Him she felt that she could not sit there with Him (for she was sure He was there; the missionary had said He had promised to be with her) selfishly enjoying her pipe alone, so she said, "I held it out to Him and asked Him to share it."

After some evenings, it occurred to her that the pipe was very old and dirty and He was so very pure and holy: it was not fit to offer Him. So again she smoked alone. This went on for sometime, till the thought came: "If it is too old and dirty to offer to Him, then surely it is not fit either for me his follower."

She could not put that idea away from her and so she threw away the pipe, with the explanation, "If it is not fit for Him it is not fit for me either. I don't smoke now."

This little incident is proof, it seems to me, that it is safe to leave the new-born child of God to the quiet teaching of the Holy Spirit. This ignorant old woman "needed not that any man should teach" her. She was led by the Spirit of God for she was a child of God.—*Selected by Mrs. S. L. Silverthorn.*

As thy days, so shall thy strength be. *Deuteronomy XXIII. 25.*

To thy saints while here below,
With new years new mercies come;

But the happiest year they know
Is the last, which leads them home.

Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. *Proverbs XXIII. 17.*

The Mission of the Church

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ing the Church has forgotten her mission, and the sincere Word is not preached. The faithful sowing of the precious Seed is the supreme task of the Church, and we should turn to this source and not to scientific discoveries.

V. Jesus and His Disciples Set the Example

In Christ's day the people were burdened by gross political and social wrongs. And when he saw the multitudes, with their burdens and sorrows, and crosses which were so heavy, He had compassion on them. It is said by the Scriptures, "the common people heard Him gladly," and no wonder, for He came to bring peace and happiness to them. When he beheld Jerusalem He wept over it. But He never engaged, so far as we know, in any social reforms that would produce forced conditions. But He did dwell among men and told them of the love of their heavenly Father. His pathway lead Him to a crown of thorns and a cruel cross. But He went there for your sins. Yes, He went there that you might be redeemed from the curses of sin and the law, and further, that what we lost in the first man Adam, we might gain, or regain, in the second man Adam, the Lord Jesus.

VI. The Only Foundation

Christ made it very plain in His discourse to His disciples, as recorded in the sixth chapter of Luke that the only foundation for the church and believers is his sayings. If we build on any other foundation, our works shall come to naught. Therefore, it is highly essential that we lay aside all the materials that are so often employed in our modern church life, and go back to the true sayings and teachings of Christ. When this is done churches will be filled again with eager, anxious worshippers, and the gospel will be carried to the remote sections, and finally into the uttermost parts of the earth.

Saints Will Inherit the Earth

We will go away but we will return again, for Christ said that He would go and prepare a place for us.

John the Revelator saw the New Jerusalem, which, it seems, will be our dwelling place—our home or tabernacle. When He comes, the angels will gather up the saints to meet him in the air. Then we will go to that New Jerusalem in heaven.

John the Revelator saw again where the Lord would come to the earth and take with him the saints. As far as I know the Bible does not say how long the saints will be gone, but there is a lot of proof that they will come back to the earth. Read Daniel 2:44 and also 7:18. It will be heaven for them. Read Isaiah 60:21; Psalm 37:11; Micah 4:7; Revelation 11:15 and 21:7; Matthew 5:5. These proofs show that there will be nothing here unclean. What a glorious place it will be.

John again says, we will inherit all things. So if you believe him, you will keep God's commandments, and have everlasting life.

Respectfully,

B. E. Coxwell

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Give a little, live a little, try a little mirth!

Sing a little, bring a little, happiness to earth!

Pray a little, play a little, be a little glad!

Rest a little, jest a little if the heart is sad!

Spend a little, send a little to another's door!

Give a little, live a little, love a little more!—*Watchman-Examiner*

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? *Romans VIII. 32.*

*My soul, ask what thou wilt,
Thou canst not be too bold;
Since his own blood for thee he spilt,
What else can he withhold.*

St. Claire Bible Class

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Jesus Proclaims His Messiahship

(Lesson for January 28)

Lesson: Matthew 21:1-16

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Behold, thy King cometh unto thee*" (Matthew 21:5).

1. *The New Proclamation*—Matthew 21:5. "Thy King cometh." How different was His coming to what they had expected! Instead of might and power and great glory, He came in humility and in meekness. This was symbolic of the spirit of the new Kingdom. He came in meekness, not in might. And all who would follow Him must follow

Him in lowliness of spirit.—*MacFadyen.*

2. *What He Came to Do*.—A retired jockey whom a mission worker was eager to win to Christ appeared at a mission service on Palm Sunday. The lesson that evening was that of Jesus entering Jerusalem. After the service the jockey commented on the story. "What a jockey he would have made! I know what he was riding. It was a Syrian colt. I had a drove of those beasts to break once. Jesus sat on one that nobody had ever ridden before. And all those youngsters were running in front and waving palms. Yet Jesus was holding him as meek as anything." The jockey paused a moment, and then said, "I say, if He could do that with a bit of horse-flesh, I reckon He could do something with me."—*The Dawn.*

I. Lesson High Points

1. Christ's entry into Jerusalem

PROGRAM

The Cape Fear union meeting will convene with the church at Bethel, Johnston County, on March 30, 1940, at 9:30 o'clock.

Saturday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional led by *Rev. W. H. Lancaster*
- 9:45—Enrollment
- 10:00—Report of disabled ministers
- Report of churches
- 10:45—Intermission
- 11:00—Sermon by *Rev. C. H. Coates*
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotional led by *Latham Phillips*
- 1:10—Report of Sunday School Board
- 1:20—Educational report
- 1:30—Round Table discussion
- Subject: THE REQUIREMENTS OF A MINISTER by *Mrs. Ben Casey*
- 1:55—Petition for the next union
- 2:00—Resolution
- 2:15—Report of Program Committee
- 2:20—Special music by the local church
- 2:35—Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 2:40—Miscellaneous business
- 2:55—Closing exercise by *Rev. W. R. Coates*

*Rev. G. C. Joyner,
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Committee.*

was the public presentation of Himself to the nation as the promised King of the Jews. In exact accordance with the prophecy of Zechariah He rode into the city (*Zech. 9:9*). On the part of some of the people there was a great show of enthusiasm on this account. But their convictions were not deeply grounded. In less than a week the multitude cried, "Away with Him, crucify Him"! But the rejection and crucifixion of Christ by the Jews was, in the plan of God, the means of bringing salvation to the whole world. In this way the incident of Palm Sunday is of great significance for us. But it also has some practical lessons for us. —J. C. T.

2. The central thought in this lesson is found in Matthew 21:5. We see (1) *Christ assuming the role of Kingship*, for it is His by right of His Person. He is the Christ (Matthew 1:16); the King (2:2); the beloved Son of God (3:17), and as such was revealed to Peter by the Father (16:16, 17). (2) *The people acclaiming Christ as King*. (21:8-12); also the children (vs. 15). They acknowledged Him as the coming One "He that cometh" (vs. 9) who would sit on the throne of David (2 Samuel 7:7-16; Mark 11:10). (3) *The anger of the Jewish authorities*. Their displeasure (Matthew 21:15) revealed their envy, hostility, rejection. Blinded by pride, prejudice, covetousness, selfrighteousness, they failed to see in Christ their King. The King who came in lowly guise unto His own, was to be rejected, despised, crucified. The Kingly act of Christ which gave pleasure to the common folk, was thus frowned upon, disapproved by officialism. Christ knew now that His hour was at hand.—A. H.

3. Men will always notice where Christ has entered. Here there were some who in scorn said, "Who is this"? They could not deny His presence, but they sought to make light of it. Others had some honest doubts and questions about Him. But honest doubters can always be led into the light. Then there were

also some who nobly testified all they knew. They said: "This is Jesus the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." That was a good testimony as far as it went, but it did not go far enough. Ours must go beyond that. We know Jesus not merely as a great Galilean Prophet, but as the Son of God, our Saviour and Lord (John 4:42; Acts 5:31; I John 4:14). Let us thus testify of Him before the world.

4. One other thing that called attention to Christ's presence in Jerusalem was His own action. Where the Lord enters, He cleanses. He came into the city and entered the Temple, and He found it had been defiled. Once He had cleansed it at the beginning of His ministry (John 2:13-17), but it seems the same people had all moved in again. The same dealers, purchasers, money changers, traffickers in doves were there as before. So once more He drove them out of the House which should be called the House of Prayer.

When the Lord comes into our lives they need cleansing. The regenerated heart is made a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it must be clean (1 Cor. 6:19).—J. C. T.

5. Read Psalm 8. See note in Scofield Reference Bible on page 602. Study the lesson material in Advanced Quarterly and also in the Senior Quarterly. Select ten truths that are helpful from this lesson.

Notes from M. L. Hollis

After having finished thirty-one weeks in revival work, and having held meetings in seven different States, I am back home, or rather on the road trying as best I can to care for the ten churches that are looking to me as their pastor. The past year, in many respects, has been the greatest year of our ministry. Hundreds have confessed Christ as their Saviour and have taken their places in the church to work for Him.

I was granted the privilege of conducting a meeting for the Ten-

nessee Orphanage late in the fall, and helped to organize a promising Free Will Baptist church, with eighteen charter members. They are now busy in the construction of a beautiful building, that will be adequate to take care of the institution for many years to come. If you want to make a worthwhile investment, one that will pay dividends throughout eternity, just send them an offering on this new church building. Surely, Brother and Sister Stanley have been placed as head of this Home by the Providence of God. I do not know of any other couple that could take their places, when it comes to training and caring for children. During my stay in the Home, I often thought that it was such a pity that many children with fathers and mothers could not or do not have half such training as these children are receiving. We had the pleasure of having Brother and Sister Stanley and all the children to visit us and render programs in some of our churches during Christmas, and it was indeed wonderful to see and hear these children in concert, they proved to all who heard them that they had had the very best of training. They are all truly wonderful boys and girls. There is a great future for them.

We are now engaged again in building a new church in Vernon, Alabama, where some years ago we had a church, but it died and many of the members became scattered. A few weeks ago I held a meeting in this beautiful little city and re-organized the church. We have the old building torn down and getting material ready to start on the new one. Pray for this work.

We really enjoy the paper. The editorial notes, Brother J. C. Griffin's "Notes and Quotes," and many of the articles by others—too many to mention all.

It is really food to our souls. No one except God knows the joy we get out of it.

May the Lord ever bless the Press is our prayer.—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pyle.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

A Message to Our Women Concerning Our National Educational Program

Dear Women, East and West of the Mississippi, New Year Greetings! And with these greetings comes a message from your second Vice-president of the National Woman's work. I am looking forward with great anticipation to what the year nineteen hundred and forty is going to bring to our much beloved denomination in an Educational way. My desire and prayer is that before this year shall have come to a close, we shall realize a denominational school in operation.

First, I am asking that, at your next meeting of your Ladies Aid Society, Missionary Society, or any other organization of women, a special prayer be offered for our National Board of Education, asking God's benediction to be upon them, and His Spirit to guide them in making a speedy and wise decision. Pray earnestly that no division will come among this Board, for that is the Devil's first step in blocking any worthwhile movement. And truly he has blocked many progressive movements in our church this way. When confusion and division appear, progress is stopped immediately. So women, you see what a great part we can play by joining ourselves together in prayer that God will completely consecrate this body of men for this specific purpose. Pray for this body individually, that all selfish desires, should any arise, be removed, and that they will think and act only for the best interest of this denomination as a whole. This Board consists of the following members:

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas; Rev. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, North Carolina; Rev. Melvin Bing-

ham, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. D. S. Jones, Mansfield, Missouri; Rev. Geo. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tennessee.

Second, I wish to tell you that Brother Davidson, Chairman of our National Board of Education, has stated to me that he would be glad for the women to set their goal at one thousand dollars, to be raised by our National Convention which is to meet in Paintsville, Kentucky next July. Women, we can far exceed this amount. Let us start now. If you haven't paid your pledge, do so as quickly as possible. If you haven't pledged, talk to the Lord about it, and if you are financially able send a personal donation to Brother Davidson. To the officers of the various auxiliaries, I urge that you keep this work before your members. Keep up with this great movement by reading all of Brother Davidson's articles, notice what month he specifies for Education, raise your amount promptly when he calls on you, and send it directly to Him. I shall not ask you to report to me what you are sending, but state clearly to Brother Davidson from where and by whom your donations are being sent, and then I can get an accurate report from Him, thus avoiding any confusion in our educational campaign.

May I ask that as soon as you have read this article, that you clip it from your paper and put it in your purse, therefore making sure that you will have it with you when you attend your next auxiliary meeting. I trust you will not pass these requests up lightly. This is, perhaps, the only message I shall send to you before our National Meeting in July. I feel that you have this great work so much at heart that you are going to do all in your power to make a school

possible for the anxious youth of our church in the near future.

May I again say, a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you!

Yours to serve as second Vice-President of National Woman's Work,

Mrs. J. R. Bennett

Auxiliary Department

Now that the holiday season is over and we have entered into the New Year, many of us perhaps, with new resolutions to be more loyal to our Cause, which is after all, God's Cause. I have been trying to plan ways by which we may create a greater interest in our Auxiliary Department, and at the same time become more enlightened regarding the various departments we are sponsoring. With nine officers in our National Organization, and the officers of the various State and District Auxiliaries, it seems to me that it would be very interesting if we could have short articles from time to time from some of these leaders regarding their specific work—their plans and information regarding the real need of a keener knowledge of each department.

There are hundreds of our women who live in rural districts who are not acquainted with the work we are trying to do, therefore, it is impossible to secure their full support and co-operation. So many of them have never seen one of our Handbooks and if they have they are not able to grasp it in its entirety. So many of our small societies give their entire support to their local church, because they do not know just what is required of them.

Of course, I realize that there are thousands of Free Will Baptists who never see our Baptist paper or our other denominational publications, but somehow, I feel impressed with the idea of launching some plan that would enable us to get in closer touch with our isolated people.

We should have certain months in the year to look forward to in which to launch our campaigns. It should be worked out perhaps by the National Executive Committee and

handed down to the States and districts. Locally, we start this in the fall with November as our Orphanage month. The vice-president in charge presents her plans, calls to her assistance as many as she may need and works for results. December is our Superannuation month; this is worked out in similar manner. January is our Mission month, February is Stewardship month and March is our Christian Education month. Our Publication and Religious Literature vice-president keeps busy the year around, but she does make special efforts in April each year to secure subscriptions and renewals to the Baptist.

We have worked this plan for the past several years and have found it really worth while in every way. It keeps us busy, it is true, but we know what each of these campaigns calls for and we try to be ready for them. We have our local responsibilities to take care of and they are very pressing, especially since we are doing our part in helping in our new building program, but the Lord is blessing us wonderfully, for which we are so very grateful.

We know without His guidance and His strong arm to lean upon when we are inclined to grow weary, our efforts would all fail. Women, let us all pull together during this year as never before. May we not pray for greater vision that our Lord will lead us on to greater achievements. May we keep our eyes fixed on our Lord and Saviour at all times and ask Him frequently, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" then be ready and willing to follow Him "All the Way," for Jesus' sake.

I have made no new resolutions for this year, but have studied carefully just how I might best "renew" some of my past ones and to be more loyal and conscientious in all my efforts to lead those with whom I associate to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we not wait until just before we are to hold an annual or semi-annual convention to get our plans before our societies, but let us begin

right now and do our best to reach as many as possible through this Department, or otherwise.

I pray daily for our Women's work everywhere, often singling out those in authority, asking that wisdom and grace and strength be given to each one and greater service may be rendered through their efforts.—*Editor.*

Ladies Aid Report of Free Will Baptist Church of Blountstown, Florida

The Ladies Aid Society of the Free Will Baptist holds its regular meetings each Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The meetings are called to order by Mrs. F. M. Knight, President, and usually have one opening song. The President reads a chapter from the Bible or other Bible studies. And someone leads in prayer. The secretary calls the roll and reads the minutes of the last business meeting. If there is any business a discussion is made. And the meeting is closed by singing a song and all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

This is our report from October 5, 1938 until October 5, 1939:

Number members	12
Active members	9
Amount of Dues paid each.....	\$.25
Amount paid to Orphanage.....	3.50
Amount paid on Pastor's Salary	6.25
Amount paid on Insurance of Building	10.50
Amount paid to Zion Bible School	1.00
Amount paid to the sick and needy circumstances.....	45.20
Amount paid to an aged and disabled minister	6.00
Total spent for year	\$72.45
Balance in treasury	\$ 9.10

Mrs. F. M. Knight, *President*,
Mrs. R. J. Pendarvis, *Secretary*,
Mrs. W. J. Franklin, *Treasurer*,
Miss Florence Fiveash,
Corresponding Secretary.

Aid News from Prospect Church

The Ladies Aid of Prospect Church met on Friday night, January 5, at the home of Mrs. Joe Turner Matthews. The president called the meeting to order, and read from Luke's Gospel 12: 1-15. After the scripture reading the members were led in prayer by Mrs. Lonnie McLeod, and followed by several others, then closed by the president.

The giving away of the Silk Patch-work quilt was then decided. Next, we decided to sponsor the Radio Stars, Wade Maynor and his Mountaineers for the purpose of entertainment, before giving away the quilt, for the benefit of the church.

The meeting was closed serving chicken salad, crackers and cakes, and hot chocolate topped with marshmallows. The Aid will meet on Friday night in February before the First Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Hubert Erwin Dorman near Erwin, North Carolina. We meet at the church every Saturday before the Third Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Joyner present. Brother Joyner is pastor of the Prospect Church. With the best of wishes, and a very prosperous year for the kingdom of God,

Mrs. Ross Stewart, *Secy.*

News from Kinston Aid

Our Ladies Aid Society meets every Monday night. You may think that is quite often, but we enjoy the Christian fellowship with one another. The Aid is progressing very nicely under the leadership of our president, Miss Sybil Robinson. Pray for us that we may have a greater Aid and accomplish more this new year.

The following is the report for the year 1939:

No. members on roll	40
Sick visits made	1368
Number chapters read.....	3677
Quarts of milk given	123
Flowers given to the sick	201

Funeral designs	23
Trays taken to sick	205
Cards sent to sick	51
Amount of dues collected	\$94.04
Miscellaneous collections	\$64.29
Love Offering	\$12.59
Amount raised for building fund	\$55.82

Mrs. R. P. Harris, *Cor.-Secy.*

Moseley's Creek Aid Report

Our society meets on each Wednesday evening before the Second Sunday in each month. We hold the meetings in the homes. Our society held its yearly meeting at Mrs. W. A. Nobles' home in October. Mrs. I. A. Norris, the president, called the meeting to order, and Mrs. W. A. Nobles gave the scripture reading. Then the society sang the hymn, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," and prayer was offered by Mrs. H. A. Richardson. Then the minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll was called. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The following is the Yearly Report:

Sick visits made	895
Flowers given to the sick	133
Trays carried to the sick	72
Milk given to the sick (quarts)	38
Chapters read in the Bible	3336
Number of members	31
Average attendance	20
New members	1
Monthly dues	\$41.80
Birthday dues	3.25
Raised other ways	64.31

Total money raised

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	\$10.00
Clothing for the Orphanage child	25.00
To Foreign Missions	10.00
For education	5.00
For Superannuation	5.00
For floral designs	8.00
Sent to the convention	2.00
Paid out for other things	27.37

Total paid out

Balance on hand\$16.99
There were \$18 worth of provisions and clothing donated by the members to the needy.

Mrs. I. A. Norris, *President*,
Mrs. Elwood Wilson, *Secretary*.

Annual Aid Report of Bridgeton Church

On Wednesday evening, January 2, the Senior League held its regular annual and monthly meeting at the home of Alton Paul. In the absence of the president, the meeting was opened by Alton Paul. After a devotional period, the business of the league was transacted. After the duties of each officer were explained, the officers were elected as follows:

Louise Webster, president; Sarah Waters, vice-president; Lorina Waters, Corresponding Secretary and treasurer; Bonnie Windley group captain; Jessie Waters, Bible quiz leader; and Mrs. Jessie Waters, sponsor of the group.

After the business was over, the sixteen members were served a delicious sweet course by the host. We are extending an invitation to other leagues to visit us at anytime in the form of a Pep-Meeting or Rally.

Lorena Waters, *Cor.-Secy.*

Keith Missionary Society News

The Missionary Society of Keith met on December 18 at the church for re-election of officers. The following were elected: Mrs. Ida Mae Bennett, president; Mrs. Evelyn Trant, first vice-president; Mrs. Alice Conlee, second vice-president; Mrs. Faye Beene, third vice-president; Mrs. Vermell Gafford, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Singletary, fifth vice-president; Mrs. Willie Moon, chorister; Mrs. Rubie Maxwell, secretary and treasurer.

After the election of officers, the raising of funds for the repairing of the church was discussed, and the goal for the society's contribution was set at ten dollars. The dues

collected amounted to ninety cents, and it was decided to use these dues on the repairing fund instead of buying new literature. We are to use the Bible as the textbook. The book of St. Mark is to be studied with Mrs. Lizzie Trant as teacher. The first chapter was used as the day's meeting.

Mrs. Rubie Maxwell

Annual Aid Report of Selma F. W. B. Church, 1939

Our Ladies Aid Society met once a month in the homes of different members. The following is the report for the year:

Number members on roll	15
Average attendance	8
Dues collected	\$30.10
Raised other ways	78.10
On hand Jan. 1st, 1939	29.66
Grand total	\$137.86

Disbursements

Paid on plastering church	\$35.00
Paid to conventions	9.50
Paid for presents	9.55
Paid for flowers	3.00
Paid for brooms	4.80
Paid for flavoring	21.06
Paid for cross pins	9.63
Paid for books & literature	3.73
Paid for Christian education	1.00
Paid for fruit .....	.50
Paid on contestant's expenses to Texas	4.75

Total paid out

Balance in Treasury	\$35.29
Sick visits	395
Trays	96
Home Mission	\$49.30
Quarts of milk given	338
Flowers for the sick	17
Funeral designs	7
Cards to sick	10
Baskets of fruit to sick and Old People	23
Chapters read in Bible	1553

Mrs. M. V. Avery, *Secretary*

Report of St. Mary's Ladies' Aid

Report of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Mary's F. W. Baptist Church of New Bern, North Carolina (for quarter ending December 31, 1939).

Number of active members enrolled	40
Inactive	5
Church attendance	634
Sick visits made	302
Social visits made	222
Hospital visits made	39
Trays, flowers and fruit to sick	106
Chapters read in the Bible	1,762
Prayer meetings held with shut-ins	22
Cards sent out	11
Pages of religious literature distributed	2,292
Donations to needy	\$5.50

Amount of funds on hand at the annual meeting, October 1, 1939:

In general funds	\$13.43
Special dues	8.37
Educational Poster	6.00
Total in treasury	\$27.80

Amount of funds received:

Regular dues	\$20.30
Special dues	6.76
Free Will Offering	2.98
Extra funds raised	83.50
Orphanage campaign	58.70
Total amount raised	\$172.24

Grand total \$200.04

Disbursements

To the church for building and loan	\$45.00
To the Church for the Orphanage	58.70
Church cleaning	13.00
Funeral designs	4.00
For relief	2.50
Miscellaneous	28.78
Local needs	13.43

Total amount paid out \$163.41

Balance in treasury in general funds \$10.52

During the November campaign for the Orphanage, a generous contribution of groceries and other supplies were donated, but no appraisal has been given so far, so we

are not in position to make any report on this. Complete report on Superannuation not rendered.

Mrs. C. D. Pigott, *President*,
Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*.

Annual Report of the Ladies Aid of Malachi Chapel Church

The Ladies Aid Society of Malachi's Chapel held nine meetings during the year 1939. We have eighteen members enrolled.

Cash on hand at beginning of 1939	\$.23
Monthly dues collected	20.60
Birthday offerings	3.66
Free will offerings	6.82
Sale of home products	39.95
	\$71.26

Disbursements

Purchased flavoring	\$14.00
Purchased Condolence, Christmas cards and postage stamps	1.30

Purchased Programme Books	1.50
Purchased fruit and sent to sick	2.75
Purchased funeral designs	3.00
Donated to National School Programme	5.00
Paid on expenses of church	16.00
Sent to Ladies Auxiliary of Albemarle Union Meeting	10.00
Donated to Orphanage	15.00
	\$68.55

I believe there is as much charity work done in our community as any but it is hard to get our people to make report of it, so this makes our report sound small.

We desire the prayers of all who read this that we may all together be built up in a more holy faith ever looking unto Him who died for us as our leader and guide in order to be better servants of His and do more for the building up of this kingdom here among men.

Mrs. H. S. Swain, *Secretary*.

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Boys and Girls Corner

When Bertram Was Strong

John, Harry and Bertram were playing horse at recess. Their teacher, Miss Marvin, nodded at them through the window and they had nodded back, for they all loved her. She was their first teacher, and they felt sure that they never could have another who was so sweet and wise and kind. They drove round and round the playground, and then they tied Bertram, who was the horse, to a post while they ran off for a minute or two. He pranced and neighed and pawed, and pretty soon his stout little shoe struck a stone and smash it went, right through the basement window! At the same minute the bell rang, so nobody but Bertram knew what had happened.

The best way, of course, would have been for him to have gone straight to Miss Marvin and told her; but Bertram was only six years old, and it is hard for a little boy of six always to think quickly of the right thing to do. They all marched in and took their seats, and then there was no chance to tell her.

Every time the door opened that afternoon Bertram was sure that it was somebody coming to ask about the window, and the more he thought about it, the more frightened he grew. How could he stand it to have all the children looking at him and talking about what he had done! Suppose he should even have to go to the principal's room and be punished!

His Bible-school teacher had told him that God would help him whenever he was in trouble, in school or anywhere else, so sitting there in his seat he tried to ask Him to help him.

When the bell rang for them to be dismissed, Bertram's heart bounded for joy. He decided that he would

try to get his mother to let him stay at home the next day, and perhaps by the time he came back they would have given up trying to find who broke the window.

The principal stood in the hall as they marched out. "What good children you are," she said in her pleasant voice. "I'm so proud of my boys and girls."

Bertram looked up into the kind, smiling face. Then he walked right out of the line and up to her. "I broke a window," he said, "and I want to tell you about it." His lips trembled, and he was sure that he was going to cry; but she put her arm around him and drew him gently into the cloakroom, saying, "Now tell me," and in another minute he

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The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

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had told the whole story. My, what a difference it made! He did not think he ever could be so happy again.

"Well," said the principal slowly, "I suppose you ought to buy a new pane of glass; but you were a brave boy to tell me what you did, so we'll keep it a secret, you and I, and not tell anybody else."

Bertram ran home, and as soon as he had told his mother all about it he got down his bank and counted his money, for he wanted to pay for the window himself. There was more than enough, so the next morning he went whistling off to school with the money in his pocket, and with no thought of staying at home, for instead of a little coward, he had become a brave little conqueror.

By doing right he had done the hard thing and the brave thing, and had conquered his own, frightened little self.—*The Sunbeam*.

Isaiah 40:31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

LANGLEY. She was born in Pitt County, November 11, 1873, and died on January 5, 1940, making her stay on earth 60 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Sister Mattie was a member of King's Cross Roads Church for 35 years. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Chester Pelt and Rev. Marshall Joyner at the home. Her body was laid to rest in the Folksland Cemetery to await that great day.

She left behind her husband, one sister, six children, and 19 grandchildren. Her passing is a very great loss to them. God has said in His Word "to die is gain," if we live the right kind of life. We say to the family, "May God bless you all, and may you so live that when death comes you can say I am ready to go to the Father.

Written by William F. Stocks

PHIPPS. Brother Egbert died on December 18, 1939. He went to prayer meeting on Sunday p. m. before he died on Monday morning, and those who were

present heard him give a beautiful testimony. In his testimony he said what do we want to stay here for. There is nothing here but trouble and grief, and that he was homesick for heaven, and he was ready to go.

He was a charter member of Fort Run Church. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss.

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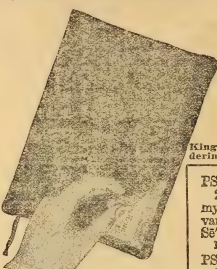
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Possibly you are saying: "There are colleges enough. Let them go to them." There are state and private owned institutions galore in which the teachings of the Bible and truths of Christianity are debarred, though some teachers feel no restraint in teaching atheism and cutting the ground from under real ethics and morals, by the type of philosophy and psychology which is being taught. All of this in a State school may be contrary to law, yet it is often done.

So these young people know that

if they are to get a thorough grounding in truth and ethics, without life has no safeguard and purpose, they can only get it in an institution that is avowedly Christian. If we are loyal Free Will Baptists we shall want to train the leaders of our denomination the Free Will Baptist tenets. That is one reason, I almost said the big reason for lack of co-operation with our National Board of Education now. Our present leaders are being trained by all types of instructors, and in all types of Christian institutions. Naturally under such conditions there can be no unity of thought and doctrine, hence not sufficiency of denominational loyalty to launch into its cause. These conditions might be altogether different were they trained by loyal, dyed-in-the-wool Free Will Baptists, and in an institution where the principles and programs of our church are constantly emphasized. If our Free Will Baptists want Free Will Baptist leaders, we must train them ourselves. Just make any kind of investigation you choose and you will find that that is the outstanding reason for other demonstrations' great success. They have trained and equipped their own leaders in their own way, while ours have been trained in everybody's schools, chiefly where the business is to impart knowledge. But the institution to which one goes has to do not only with the impartation of knowledge, but it is also a big factor in determining the student's outlook upon life, and in the direction of his life activities. Maybe this will explain why some of our leaders, and laymen, have the outlook they have in the direction of their activities. Do not think that other denominational institutions are going to develop strong Free Will Baptist leaders. Never! If the Free Will Baptist message is worth preserving, it is worthy of intelligent interpreta-

tion to our young people, and older ones too, who are to be the leaders of thought and life for their generation in our church. If it is not worth preserving, then why not take down the F. W. B. sign, unite with some denomination whose principles we consider worthy of our best sacrifices?

The real forces in education are not material, but personal and spiritual, and the significant difference between colleges lies in the region of personality. The difference between two professors in science, we will say for example, is not so much what they know, for one will know about as much as the other; and they will both know the same things. But the difference is in their attitude and outlook. One's character base-lines may be square; the other's character base-lines may be bias. One professor's thought of the universe may be atheistic; the other's saturated with reverence for God, and faith in Him. To one of these men his students may be so many units of possible efficiency; the other thinks of his students as immortal souls set in the world to do a task in the kingdom of God.

It is impossible to appraise the difference between two such men, but it is certainly not difficult to see that young men and women passing from the influence of the two—although they have learned the same facts of nature by the same methods of study—will deeply differ in their attitude—toward the world and life, as also in their temper, purpose, and spirit. Christianity must become a positive factor in education if we would save our great country from the paganizing influences of a godless education.

The spirit of the school has much to do with the character of the stu-

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EDITORIAL

His Abundant Grace

The apostle Paul wrote the Philippian brethren these often quoted words: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ" (Philippians 4:19). The God whom Paul was serving is still able to give people their every need. But let us note here that Paul desired the brethren at Philippi to be assured of God's protecting care according to His riches in glory. He wished them to have faith to believe that His Lord, through His Son Jesus Christ, would care for their spiritual needs. Thus, they were to rely upon God for the blessed assurance of His grace, and His wonderful power to supply their spiritual needs. They were to be confident that His grace was sufficient to comfort, supply and satisfy their spiritual hunger.

On the other hand, Paul was careful not to write these brethren that God would supply *their every want*. That would have been entirely different, for Paul knew God would not give these brethren all they might desire of the material things of this life. Nor has God promised anyone to satisfy his sinful and lustful desires. It is true, some people crave more than they can enjoy or appreciate, while there are others who seem to be content with their humble station in life. It was for the Philippian brethren to know that God had sent His Son into the world to redeem mankind, and through Him the need of salvation would be supplied, given to all who would seek His grace. But there are millions of people today who have not met the conditions for obtaining this saving grace. Let us think, however, that the Christian's need of spiritual blessings will be supplied as he seeks at the throne of grace God's lovingkindness.

David has a scripture which is parallel with this of Paul's. It reads thus: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). David's shepherd was sufficient for him. He believed his spiritual blessings would be supplied by this shepherd, the Christ. He had faith to believe that, and his further statements in the psalm show his confidence in the holy One. This shepherd would be his guide, fill his soul with the bread of life, give comfort to his weary heart, and he would have no need of fear for his life. He would supply his needs according to His riches in glory. The individual that cannot trust God is in a serious situation, like a storm tossed ship at sea without a chart and compass. The nation that fails to take God at His Word, but seeks to guide her own destiny by the power of man's intellect and will cannot hope to stand against God's power in the earth, for like Israel of old, chaos within and oppression without, she will finally come to naught.

To the church at Ephesus Paul wrote these words: "We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). He is saying here to the Ephesian brethren about the same thing in substance that he said to the Philippians in the above reference passage. The forgiveness of sins and redemption through Christ's blood, declared Paul, would be granted according to His riches in glory. Christ could abundantly pardon, supply their need of salvation, give them the bread of life. Thus, the greatest need of life might be filled at their asking. The trouble is people are failing to seek His good graces, are not looking for His leadership, and are not attentive to His Word; that is, a great many people are showing this attitude to-

ward God's cause. Church attendance is poor; spiritual interest shows a coldness; people riding here and there on the Lord's Day while religious services are being conducted; and sin and crime are constantly increasing. They are seeking to satisfy their *wants* through the material things of the earth.

But let us note another parallel passage which Paul wrote. He assured God's good graces to the Corinthian brethren in these words: "God is able to make all grace abundant toward you" (II Corinthians 9:8a). God's grace is abundant and free for all who will make use of it. The Corinthians were to be assured that the Gospel which Paul had preached to them was full and free, and that it would abound in their midst if they would live this gospel. It was for them as much as it was for the Philippians and the Ephesians, and others. It was a great gift, for it would be abundant toward them as they sought to serve the Lord. It was a fine thing to lay hold on and to keep in their hearts, for it would supply their souls with comfort and great joy.

This same gospel always abounds, and is ever consoling to the hearts of those who partake of its abiding grace. He who came to shed abroad in the hearts of men this wonderful love paid it all on the cross as His redeeming love for lost souls. How important it is for everyone to go to the blessed Master for this blessed truth! Think what He has meant to the world! But how pathetic it is today to see the indifference, the carelessness which people are showing toward the worship of the living God, and the way so many are ignoring the greatest blessings that may come to anyone in this life when they are leaving God out of their lives.

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Black Jack Church	38.00	Walnut L. A. S., Walnut, N. C.,	
Union Chapel Church	16.11	quilt	3.00
Union Chapel Sunday School	5.00	J. M. Davis and Company, apples	4.00
L. A. S. of Sidney Church	5.00	L. A. S. of LaGrange Church,	
Junior League of Sweet Gum		cakes and quilt	20.00
Grove Church	1.00	Saratoga Church, cakes	13.85
Daniels Chapel Church	38.81	Senior League of Edgemont	
Rev. J. D. VerNelson	5.00	Church, household	14.00
Rock Springs Church	19.00	Santa Claus' annual visit, sponsored	
Macedonia Church	36.16	by: Grover T. Lamb, D. K.	
Winterville Sunday School	2.00	Williamson, A. T. and S. D.	
Rains Cross Roads Church	11.75	Page	150.00
L. A. S. of Sweet Gum Grove Ch.	5.00	Intermediate Sunday School Class	
Kenly F. W. B. Church	19.00	of N. E. Church, quilt	3.00
Long Ridge Church	16.50	Charlie Walston and mother, food	
Free Union League, Greene Co.	1.00	and feed	13.00
New Sandy Hill Church	2.30	New Sandy Hill Church, food	2.25
Bethany Church, Ayden	42.00	Aid Clothing	4.50
Walnut L. A. S. of Walnut, N. C.	5.00	Christmas gifts from relatives,	
Bessie Barnhill	10.00	friends and Aids	123.61
Asheville Sunday School	5.00	Micro L. A. S.	2.00
Middlesex Sunday School Class	.31		
Rains Crossroads Church	3.00	Total	\$381.39
Sallie Green	1.00		
L. A. S. of Union Grove Church,		Aids Having Furnished Cash or	
Wayne County	200	Clothing for Adopted	
Mrs. Ada Thompson	2.00	Children	
Pine Level Sunday School Birthday			
offering	11.50	AID	CHILD
Micro Church	6.00	Morehead City Sunday School,	AMT.
Mt. Zion Church, Pamlico County	2.81	Virgie Ange	\$ 10.00
Grimley Church	22.50	Corinth L. A. S. Evelyn Pate	1.00
Welcome Home Church	2.25	Arapahoe L. A. S., J. C. Butts	.50
Albemarle Sunday School Conv.	80.00	Mrs. Harry Hester, Bladenboro,	
G. W. Bailey	20.00	Marie Caulder	.50
Dawsons Grove Church	7.93	Deep Run L. A. S., Irene Watson	.50
Second Union of Western Assn.	5.00	Gum Swamp L. A. S., Josephine	
Aid Money	24.00	Watson	1.00
Micro Church	1.56	Swannanoa Church, Clara Harris	4.00
Fourth Union Meeting District		Goldsboro L. A. S., Catherine West	.50
of the Central Conference	25.00	L. A. S. of Gum Neck Church, Dor-	
Davis Sunday School	7.00	man West	1.00
By Miss Nanny Jones	1.80	L. A. S. of Friendship Church,	
Spring Branch Sunday School	3.50	Billie Lucas	5.00
		St. Mary's L. A. S., Wilson Co.,	
Total	\$3400.29	Gold Ange	3.00

Donated Commodities

Antioch L. A. S., Wayne County,		AID	CHILD	VALUE
food	\$ 38.00	Horney Heights L. A. S., Florence		
Edgewood Church, food	9.60	Gwinne	\$ 2.50	
Mrs. J. Y. Sawyer, Bayboro,		Horney Heights L. A. S., Florence		
clothing	10.00	Gwinne	2.00	
Oak Grove Church, Sampson County		Total	\$ 4.50	
food	31.47			
Roberts Grove Church, food	18.66			

M. E. Tyson, Superintendent

Let's See That Love!

*By Colonel Pendleton,
38 Hermitage Street,
Nashville, Tennessee*

Today, I wish to talk about the greatest thing in the world. And for a text we will read (1 Cor. 13:13) which reads, "And now abideth, faith, hope charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." And again we read in Galatians 5: 13. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Are you having lots of trouble? Does everything go wrong? Don't let anybody know it. Cheer up your loved ones with a song. Oh, are they the ones who cause you trouble and try your patience? Do you feel like running some where (and hide) if you knew just where to go? No, no, you don't really mean it! That is not like the Master you love, and serve is it? He would submit sweetly and be as gentle as a dove. And if they ruffled up his feathers He would smooth them gently down. He would lovingly smile upon them though they answered with a frown. If life is full of trouble, all the time both night and day, then it must be that we've forgotten to pray without ceasing. Perhaps we've been talking back to those folks instead of communing with God, and praying for them. Don't you know that they will know it if His love is within you? If we go gently among them, hid away with Christ in love divine, and letting that love shine out our words and actions, warming their hearts like the spring sunshine, they will then honor our Saviour who has given us such wondrous peace, and before we hardly know it all our troubles will have ceased.

Now I am going to tell you the truth—just about all the trouble I have ever had has been because of my lack of love. I did not have enough love for God to take, with thanksgiving, whatever He saw fit to permit to come into my life. This

too, I have learned—if someone else has not love enough to deal fairly and justly then we must have love enough to make up for their lack of love. The less love the other persons show the more love we must show to make up for their lack of love. Methinks I hear Saint Paul saying something like that. Don't you dear reader? Do you know what is wrong with a lot of Christians? We read the fifth chapter of Galatians and pride ourselves that we commit none of those sins mentioned there, and because we seem so righteous we take a superior attitude over our sinner loved ones and preach to them how they ought to live, and insist on them reverencing our religion—which we preach, instead of demonstrating the Word of God before them. Folks are funny you know. You can read to people or talk to them, or show them the finest mechanism in the world, and nine times out of ten they will turn right around and say rather unappreciatively: "Let's see it work." And they have a right to "See it work," too. For if the sinners can't see the love, the joy, the peace, the patience, the gentleness, etc., work in our lives, then the theory of it has no appeal to them. How often we defeat our own purpose, yea rather God's purpose, by meeting folks on their own ground and returning to them for their unloveliness, gloom, and dissatisfaction, impatience, rudeness, selfishness, immoderation of talk the very same or even that they give. Then we approach them very severely if they out do us in handling these human weapons. And to make it still more consistent after they have outdone us we rush away in tears to pray for their souls. What a ridiculous thing to do! Why pray for their souls?

They were just trying to prove whether there was anything to the salvation, and they have concluded that after all it is all theory.

And with such facts as these before me, I am bold to say that it is utter folly to pray for the salvation of our loved ones, if our life is not a living proof of the reality of the

saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember the Word says: "By love serve one another." Have you ever been in a place where it was necessary for you to take orders from another? Well then you know the secret. You didn't do the talking. You did the doing. If you see your loved ones, your associates need love, bring them love, and keep on bringing them love and still more love. If your fellow creatures lack joy bring them joy. Don't take their gloom. Dispel their gloom with your sunshine. You children of God, keep on smiling and singing until those around you join into the chorus. Draw them to you, but don't you let them pull you their way. By love serve all you come in contact with. Carry your alabaster box with you all the time. If you meet that fellow, who always tries to start something, give him of your peace, (In stead of giving him a piece of your mind). Don't argue with him. Meet his disturbed spirit with a calm poise. Show him that he cannot upset your peace, that is settled in Jesus, let him see that your peace is immovable. And if he just won't have the peace that you so graciously wish to divide with him, be very sure to keep yours. If someone is impatient, then just serve the most delicious self control fruit salad, make it so tempting out of all the fruits of the spirit, so perfectly blended. Maybe he won't touch it. If he doesn't then you eat it. We must be ever ready to eat the same fruit that we dish up for others.

If others slam doors and yell, then let our peace be like a gentle breeze, to cool their hot brows and let love flow out of our hearts just as fragrant as apple blossoms. If we are met by meanness, if some one is unreasonable and persist that we are wrong, when we are quite sure we are right, then we have a glorious opportunity to show them that love beareth all things, that love seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, that love suffers long and is kind. If someone declares we are not living the Christian life even after all this may we meekly confess that we

come far short of a perfect walk with Jesus. And let us express our sorrow that we have not better demonstrated the life of a Christian as it should be.

May we beloved, continue to give from our basket of the fruits of the Spirit. And "By love serve one another." It is so wonderful that Jesus has allowed us to be surrounded by these lives for two reasons: First, so that we may have a chance to demonstrate the Christ life before them that they may desire it; and second, that our lives may be buttressed until there be no possibility of us being overcome of evil. If after all this we find those about us still unchanged then surely we can be as godly as Paul who finally got used to his thorn in the flesh. Surely we can stand a few prickles now and then. Surely we can endure even a briar patch if that be God's will for us. After we get used to "Follow peace with all men" praising the Lord and shining for Jesus and "Doing good to all men," we will enjoy proving the Word of God, and knowing that His grace is sufficient. This, beloved is the more excellent way of winning souls to Christ. We may pray on and on for others, but unless our lives prove that God's Word is true we block the way to have our own prayers answered. There's no use to tell folks that we have found a better way if we act just like they are and give way to the same temptations and sins. If they see our Christ does not keep us from sin which we are reproaching them for, then they can see no advantage in the change. Now if the world sees in our lives and in dealing with our fellow beings retaliation instead of the love of God they will think there is nothing to religion.

Now in closing, let us read this passage "Delight thyself in the Lord: And He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass: and He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon day. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

The Right Use of Time

(Radio Message by Rev. Will-
et L. Moretz, Free Will Baptist
Pastor and Evangelist, Swann-
anoa, North Carolina, over
WPTF, January 15, 1940, on
"Your Daily Devotional Pro-
gram.")

Good Morning: I, too, greet you this morning in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am indeed happy for the privilege of speaking to you again. I am using for a subject, "The Right Use of Time." In Ephesians 5:14, 15 and 16, we find this text:

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

So many people go on living without giving consideration as to how they are spending their valuable time. Someone has wisely said, "Remember always your end, and that lost time does not return." The idle mind and the idle tongue soon destroy all the beauty that God thru nature, has bestowed upon them, and gather nothing in return. A life spent right is never regretted.

"A little closer to God, a little nearer to duty, and a little more improved in some way, is how we should find ourselves on examination at the close of each day," is a wise saying and worthy of our careful consideration.

A manufacturer in North Carolina, hiring about 2,500 workers, recently gave out some interesting facts with regard to the use of time by his employees. According to his calculations, if each employee lost from his job one minute each day for one year, he would be paying for 41 2-3 hours daily for which he received no labor. That, he figured, would amount to 13,041 hours in a year that were wasted by his employees, and for which he was paying at the very lowest rate of wages

required by law, \$3912.30 per year for wasted time.

Chesterfield once said, "I recommend that you take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves."

It is not honest for employees to waste their time and expect employers to pay for that wasted time. Neither is it honest nor right for us Christians to waste time from our service to God. How many souls are lost in sin and in hell because those who could have led them to Christ were not on the job! I shudder when I think about it. We will never know how many are in torment today because we neglected them when we might have brought them to the Saviour by spending a little time and effort with them. A motto which I learned a long time ago says, "Not failure, but low aim, is crime."

When I was a boy I heard the story of a preacher who was so careful with his time, that when not engaged in some useful task that prevented it, he was always praying. It was said of him that when he was in the company of friends and not talking, he would be heard whispering a prayer. How better can we use our time than by praying! Prayer gives us power with God. Show me the man without spiritual power, and I will show you a man who does not take time to pray.

Last September I assisted in a revival with a preacher who used most of his time while riding in my car, reading the Bible! He said his time was valuable, and he wanted to use it to the best advantage to himself and his God.

When Jesus told his disciples to "Gather the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost," I believe he wanted to teach people to make the best use of every minute of their time. Montgomery said, "There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment, and yet, can waste years."

A young man took time to commit large portions of the Bible to memory, and in manhood an accident deprived him of his sight. During the

remainder of his life of blindness he found comfort and joy from his early zeal. In youth he gathered up the fragments of time. In old age they proved a blessing to him. Time spent right pays large dividends.

Longfellow said, "Time is the Life of the Soul."

So many times I have said and have heard others say, "If I could call back the youth and live my life over again, and know what I know now, I would live a different life." Well, Jesus gave us the example to live by. How did Jesus use His time, some one asks. He "went about doing good." No time was wasted by our Lord. When only twelve years of age He said to His parents, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

The five foolish virgins had the same opportunity as the five wise ones, but they were not careful with their time. Nothing is said about their being bad. They just waited until too late for them to get the oil. Some one has said that God has given us this life in which to prepare for another.

"Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

Paul's work ended, he gave this last testimony:

"For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

"When I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to every fear—
I'll wipe my weeping eyes."

Correlation of Forces in the Development of Youth

By Dr. E. A. Shugart, K. T.

The field of Christian Education is one that in its very nature must be cultivated by the Church alone. There is more involved than just teaching of the letter or text. There is the spiritual, cultural process which is the peculiar privilege and responsibility of the Church and which may not be delegated to or assumed by any other agency. The most emphatic command of Jesus Christ, because of the time when and the circumstances under which it was uttered, was delivered after His crucifixion and resurrection but before His ascension: "go ye therefore, and teach" (Matthew 28:19). This designates the Church as His ordained means, which no body or individual may presume to assume and from which the Church dare not withdraw. It leaves the Church no alternative. She must teach. Her privilege in this field, as in all others in this country is guaranteed by the Constitution. She may call to her assistance such agencies as are compatible with her God-given program in the pursuit of this end, but others may not deprive her of that which is God-given and belongs to her alone.

Secular education, so efficiently carried on by the state and other institutions, is a field that may be entered by the Church; but she has no peculiar right there by divine authority. Since she is duplicating the work now being done by the state and other institutions, she should refrain from asking aid from the sources where she is a competitor. For the ongoing of the Church, with her God-given task, she should be free from "entangling alliances," keep well to the fore her peculiar work, and rely upon her own resources for maintenance of her undertaking, or else abandon the field.

Perhaps the Church has lost because she has not adhered strictly to her own field. I do not mean that she should keep out of secular edu-

cation; but she, in that field, should add Christian education to the secular, so that Christian education should be education plus. Her best work in the field of secular education lies in modeling educational process and keeping before the eyes of educators the fact that man is a trinity, created in the image of his Maker, and in laying emphasis upon that which the state and other institutions in the field may not offer—that is, spiritual culture—so that the pupils shall feel the need of the Church and her instructions. Body, mind and spirit (modern psychology would not admit that division), each a part of the being, must each in the proper place be taught in order to gain the best results. You cannot neglect the body, the medium through which the mind acts, nor the mind, the medium through which the soul acts, nor yet the soul, through which the spirit of God manifests Himself, without grave danger to the entire being. It is doubtful whether the Church is wisely acting when she enters the field of secular education to reach no further than the state or the private institution. Let her emphasize her peculiar doctrine, spiritual life or likeness to Jesus Christ.

There should be a correlation of work in the educational processes developing the powers of youth. The state and other educational institutions should not presume to teach spiritual truth, which is the peculiar field of the Church; morality, to be sure, but not religion; the history of the Church and of her literature, purpose, plans, programs, but not religion. The state and other institutions, from the kindergarten to the university, should impress upon the pupil, with all due emphasis, the need of religion and Scriptural knowledge, and direct the pupil to the Church that he may receive it there, just as they recommend to the grades the necessity of high school, college, technical college and university courses. Spiritual truth and experience are necessities to the largest development and greatest usefulness and happiness of the pu-

pil and should not be shunted by the teacher in any educational agency. Man is essentially a religious being. He is incurably religious. Plutarch said, "All men are religious." Not properly taught, his religion becomes erroneous, even dangerous. Some of the most dastardly crimes have been committed in the name of religion and as a part of it. Man will worship. Human sacrifice has been practiced on every continent, not alone in the "dark ages," but in more recent years. Man needs his religious instincts directed, instructed, developed, and this belongs to the Church and the Home.—*Sel.*

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Waiting upon the Lord — What does it mean to wait upon the Lord? It means First, qualification. Second, fortification. Third, justification. Fourth, Sanctification. Fifth, glorification. Brother, it pays to "wait upon the Lord."

Evidences of Following Jesus—

1. The witness of the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). There is nothing like it. No room for doubt. "We know whom we have believed."

2. Love one for another. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

3. Conscious submission to the Will of God. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7). This submission is to God. Not to self, nor to our opinions, nor to the opinions of others. We are to deal with God.

4. Fellowship with the Holy Ghost. "But the Comforter, which

is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am taking this method of thanking the many friends, and kind neighbors for all their kindness and words of sympathy extended to us, during the sickness, and death of Mr. Styron. May God bless all who were so willing to help at a time when needed. We felt a great sorrow at Christmas time. Knowing it was the first year we'd not all been together. Just one week following his death was Christmas Day. Three of his churches, Pine Level, gave us one of the nicest poundings I ever saw. Pleasant Grove church sent us \$25 in money as a gift, and Micro sent \$12.50 at Christmas time. As far as good things to eat, these three churches gave us the privilege to enjoy that part of it, but naturally we were so grieved, we didn't feel the spirit of the Yuletide season, we had heretofore been having. We deeply appreciate all they did for us in this way and we are still enjoying the benefits of these gifts.

Micro Church gave us a real nice pounding Thanksgiving, which we very much appreciated too.

Since Mr. Styron's death many changes have come to us. We are now, living upstairs in our home, and rented out the 5 rooms down stairs, to the Missionary Baptist pastor of Pine Level Church, Rev. Bryan from Virginia. My father had flu and pneumonia during the holidays. The next week we moved upstairs, and before we could get settled, Simon Jr. and myself had influenza, and he also had bronchitis. This week when we began to try to do things again, I had the misfortune to fall and break my finger, which the doctors set in a steel cast, and of course causes me difficulty in doing much work. So we trust our troubles will soon be be-

hind us, for we feel we have had many since the 5th of September, but we do want to prove true to every call and trust that we may be faithful to the end.

Pray for me in this new path I'm traveling. It seems rough some days, but I am praying to be able to reach the goal.

Respectfully,

Mrs. S. H. Styron

Word from Abbeville, Alabama

Since there is no one who is reporting from this section of the country, I will say that we enjoy reading Brother E. T. Phillips' pieces in the paper. Brother Phillips, as you read this may your heart be filled with joy, for I believe God is well pleased with your life as well spent.

Brother Griffin, I like your Notes and Quotes. I read them before taking nourishments, or as soon as the Baptist arrives. May you live long and found on the firing line for God.

C. A. Arnold,
Abbeville, North Carolina

Life

By Dr. I. B. Howell,

Life is like a journey or trip taken on a train,

With a pair of travelers at each window pane,

I may sit beside you all the journey through,

Or I may sit elsewhere, never knowing you,

But, if fate should mark me to sit by your side,

Let's be pleasant travelers; it's so short a ride.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry—*Psalm xxxiv. 15.*

What thou shalt to-day provide,

Let me as a child receive;

What to-morrow may betide,

Calmly to thy wisdom leave;

'Tis enough that thou wilt care,

Why should I the burden bear?

Your Opportunity and Mine

(Continued from page three)

dent. Is the public opinion of the present-day college weak, or loose, or tolerant on matters like profanity, drinking, smoking, gambling, lasciviousness, dishonesty, and so forth?

About fifty years ago two boys grew up in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. They attended the same city school, graduated together at the same high school, but here their ways parted. Different colleges were chosen for them by their parents. One went to a Christian school; the other went to a college where the opinion was tolerant toward the things mentioned above, in other words a non-Christian college. The one whose parents chose the Christian college, fell under the influence of Christian teachers, yielded his life to the Gospel ministry, and became an honorable and worthy citizen. The one whose parents chose the non-Christian college fell into a different atmosphere, came in contact with unbelief, joined an atheistic society and became ultimately an anarchist. On September 6, 1901, at the Pan-American Exposition, during a reception given in honor of President McKinley; and as the crowd passed by to shake hands with the president, a man came with his hand wrapped in a handkerchief; and when opposite the president a shot rang out and President McKinley collapsed. The man who fired the shot was none other than the boy chum and schoolmate of the preacher. He was Leon Czolgos, the red radical; the product of one kind of education.

I have selected this illustration because of the extreme, for between these two extremes, the preacher in the one case, and the radical in the other, lie all the products of our education system. The great divide in our educational product is at the point of Christian training. Just in proportion that education is underpinned with the Christian postu-

ants; and shot through and through with faith in Christ, and obedience to God will it turn out men and women fitted to do the work of construction and order in our civilizations, whether they serve in the field of religion, medicine; or whether their chosen field be in some other sphere. Just as education departs from Christian ideals the stronger will be the influence for the production of character that makes for destruction and disaster, whether that character serves in the church, school, hospital is the reason why Christianity or wherever, he or she may be. This should become, and remain, educational. This is the reason why we should support Christian Education.

Since we can not put Christianity in its full force in our state institutions, and by the products from these institutions help to purify and make our state institutions more nearly Christian than they are.

Last October I appealed to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee in behalf of Christian Education. I said then, and I say now more loudly than ever before, "The future of our wonderful denomination *d e m a n d s* competent leadership." To deny this fact is to confess our ignorance, and to ignore it is to imperil Christ's cause.

My thesis narrows itself down to this: Should Free Will Baptists enter the educational field, equip, maintain, and run their own school for the distinct purpose of giving a Christian education of the character and kind that they want their leaders and workers to have? I maintain that they should, and I am presenting, by the request of the National Educational Board Chairman, reasons to support my contention.

The door of opportunity is wide open, and the words, "Awake, O! National Association of Free Will Baptists, and put on thy strength," written in bold-faced type above it. May Free Will Baptists not for selfish reasons turn their backs on this

opportunity. May every one of us do our part in this Christian Educational Movement.

Shall we wait to make our contribution—wait and thus watch our denomination fail for lack of efficient leadership? God forbid that we as a denomination shall ever hear, "take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance." Paraphrasing, to me it is saying; "take therefore the talent from the Free Will Baptist and give it (money they should invest in a school) unto a denomination that is putting their money into service for me. "Thou oughtest to have put my money to the exchangers (in the hands of the educational board) so that at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. For unto every denomination that hath used their money in my service shall an abundance be given; but from the denomination that hath not so used their money shall be taken away *even that which he hath.*" Remember ministers, educational chairmen, all you Free Will Baptists who can and ought to contribute, until we use this money for Christ's sake, every year at the National Association we are saying, with our lack of co-operation with our National Board, "Lord, we were afraid and so went and hid thy talent in the bank," or some other place beside a Free Will Baptist School. Each time I believe that he is saying; "Thou wicked and slothful servant." Does not our progress show that God is not so well pleased with what we are doing? How many consecrated leaders, fully trained for service, has our association sent forth in the last ten years? How many years have we been talking about launching a program of education, when we should have launched instead of just talked? Why waste time talking? I can not read my Bible and believe God will prosper us any more until some napkins are untied, and we say, "Lord, Thou delivered unto us this money: behold by investing in thy service we

have gained many more dollars beside them." Oh that "well done, good and faithful servant" will be, I believe, ringing as sweet as music in our ears then. I am praying that we may soon desire that praise from our Master, and also that in July we will say, unitedly, "Here, National Association, is this beautiful building (or the price of one) centrally located, which we are giving our denomination. It is to be used in the purposeful instruction, the training and the directing of our boys and girls, ministers and laymen; so as to develop in body and mind, soul and spirit, all the beauty, perfection and power of which the individual is capable; and to direct this developed individual in the field of noble Christian service."

But what is beauty? what is perfection? what is power? These are soul qualities. They belong to the great Christian postulants. No soul approaches perfection without the spirit of Christ. No soul is powerful without a grip on God—without courage, manliness, honesty, and integrity. These are all spiritual qualities and are only procured by spiritual development. If you would grow them and develop them in personal character, then the life must come under the influence of Christ.

A school can not produce these elements without the Christian motive in the teaching. It is an almost universally acknowledged fact if Christianity is to enter the educational field and set educational standards, it must enter through the Christian groups, functioning thru institutions which they own and control.

This means that the Free Will Baptist must establish a school, equip it, endow it, and run it. Without this, Christianity, as accepted and interpreted by the Free Will Baptist Church, will not be free to create the atmosphere necessary to Christian education, nor will it be free to give the kind of instruction which has to be given if Free Will Baptist thought is to function in educational minded peoples.

May we all find our hearts burning within us as did the disciples while the Master walked with them. Then we, too, will be about our Master's business; which is not the hoarding business, but investment—investing in souls which will carry His message on and on.

It is the animal nature of man that prompts him to shun difficulties, to take the easiest way around obstacles. It is the divine nature within us that finds pleasure in toil; joy in conquest; happiness in tasks well done and peace in squared accounts.

Ministers, educational chairmen, League presidents, Auxiliary second vice presidents, Sunday School leaders and Free Will Baptist laymen and women with money; may we let our divine nature lead us in this the greatest need of our denomination at present. Then in July when we come to Paintsville, Kentucky, we will be happy because of a task well done, and peaceful because of squared accounts with God.

NOTE: This article is contributed by Sister Frazier by special request. We are only praying that you react as you should.

I am glad to announce that some money is still coming in, but find by examining my records, that some are now in arrears with their pledges. Will you who have pledged please remit at once, and you who have not must respond too.

Several churches in Texas are paying right along, but the Bryan Church and the Pine Grove Church, at Huntsville, are the only ones who have fully met their requirements thus far.

The call is to every one of our people. Will you be next to answer the call with a nice check?

J. R. DAVIDSON, Chn.-Treas.,
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Orphanage Alumni Notes

In the Orphanage Alumni Notes of January tenth, the following

names of the members of the Alumni Association were overlooked and therefore omitted. Please publish these in the next issue of the Baptist to correct the error.

Marvin Howell, Henderson, North Carolina; W. H. Howell, Crystal Lake Hotel, Lakeview, North Carolina; Mrs. Wilbur Garrison, formerly Fannie Holland, Ayden, North Carolina, Route 3; Frank Hawkins, Route 1, Bath, North Carolina; Mrs. W. O. Price, formerly Lula Liggins, Zebulon, North Carolina, Route 1; Albert Linton, Ransonville, North Carolina; John Linton, Box 827, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Ivey Linton, Dunn, N. C., Route 3; Clarence Mitchell, Middlesex, North Carolina; Horace Mixon, Dunn, North Carolina, Route 3; Lucile Proctor, Middlesex, North Carolina; John Graham Smith, 707 Aycock Street, Wilson, North Carolina; and Earl Tippet, Middlesex, North Carolina.

W. H. Howell, *Secretary*

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By William James Robinson

Consistency, of spotless honor born,
Will ever glow like jewels born of flame,
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Of him whose soul sublimities adorn.
All artifice it will forever scorn;
All vacillation it holds up to shame;
Its magnimity good men acclaim
For it will never leave the right
lovelorn.

Wedded to truth its excellence will glow,
With fervency that noble men adore,
Proving that wavering is of low birth.
Its values all true men have come to know,
They crown it with their love forevermore.
And adds to their names transcendent worth.—*Selected.*

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Holding Life Sacred

(Lesson for February 4)

Lesson: Genesis 1:27-31; 1 Cor.inthians 6:19, 20; 2 Cor. 6:16—7:1.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body"* (1 Corinthians 6:20).

1. An unbeliever spoke scornfully of God—"taking a handful of dirt and breathing life into it!" A man replied, "God took the dirtiest bit of mud in our town, breathed His Spirit into it, became a new creation, was changed from a wicked wretch into a man who hated his former sins and loved the God who saved Him. I was that bit of mud" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

2. A Christian's body should be yielded entirely to God's control because Christ has made it a temple for His personal in-dwelling. Little Mary, examined by a church board about church membership, was asked what she would do when tempted to sin. She replied, "That's easy. Whenever Satan tempts me, I make a bow and say, 'How do you do, Satan? I want to introduce you to Jesus who lives in my heart,' and Satan always goes away."

3. A Christian's body should be surrendered entirely to God because Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us, desires it. He appeals for yieldedness that separates from everything that displeases God. A Chinese Christian, much affected by the little difference he saw between American Christians and worldings, said, "When disciples in my country come out of the world, they come clear out." A young man, gazing at a famous picture of Christ on the Cross, read the inscription,

"I did it for thee. What hast thou done for Me?" He dedicated his life to Christ.

I. Practical Points

1. The creation of man marked the completion and perfection of God's creation, for man was made in His own image (Genesis 1:27).

2. The perfect God produced a perfect creation, not one which had to be perfected through a long process (vs. 31).

3. The Temple of the Holy Spirit is far more precious and costly than Solomon's Temple (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

4. Unequal yoking with unbelievers destroys fellowship with God (2 Corinthians 6:14).

5. Unequal yoking with unbelievers will always result in a compromise with evil (vs. 15).

6. The true Christian life is separated unto God and from evil.

7. Only a living God requires and indwells a living temple (vs. 16).

8. The separation from evil companions for the Lord's sake puts one in the best company (vs. 17).

9. The enjoyment of God's Fatherhood is to be valued far above any pleasures that sin might bring (vs. 18).—J. C. T.

10. *Divine Cleansing*—2 Corinthians 7:1. God has cleansed us by the precious Blood of His dear Son. We must cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Repeatedly in Holy Scripture you find such double injunctions. The Godward and the manward sides meet—God acting in grace, and man acting in obedience, and the resultant blessing is a life enriched and blessed.—MacFadyen.

II. Additional Hints

The thought of the sacredness of the human body is central in this lesson. It is sacred because (1) It is the work of God. He "hath made us, and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3). What a wonderful creation is man (139:14)! A watch is a

wonderful creation of man, and how carefully we guard it against damage! How much more so should we guard our wonderful bodies from defilement and damage! (2) It is made in *God's own image* (Gen. 1:26, 27). The image of God is seen in the Son (John 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:4; Hebrew 1:3). What a sin to desecrate that which God made like unto Himself! Yet in many the image is so defaced that the original likeness is obliterated (Rom. 1:21-32). Our aim must be "to be conformed to the image of His Son" (8:29). Apart from union with Christ this is impossible. (3) It is *God's temple* (1 Cor. 3:16) wherein He dwells through the Holy Spirit (6:19). Deliberate and persistent defilement of God's temple means self-destruction (3:17) and exclusion from Heaven (6:9). (4) It is *Christ's possession* (vss. 19, 20) which he purchased at great cost (1 Peter 1:18). Because those who have received Christ are not their own, they must fulfill the purpose for which they have been redeemed, which is the glorifying of God in body and in spirit, (5) Because *God commands separation* from all that would defile the temple (2 Cor. 6:17). Obedience will bring with it the promised blessing (vs. 18).—Hedley.

Please read Psalm 50 this week. Memorize verse 15. Also study our quarterlies for many more truths on this lesson.

Financial Report of the Tenn. F. W. B. Orphanage, Fourth Quarter, 1939

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS
CHURCHES AND
ASSOCIATIONS

Cumberland Association:

Cofers' Chapel	62.50
New Hope	24.10
East Nashville	14.25
West Nashville	13.75
Bethlehem	13.30
Ashland City	10.75
Heads	10.50
Friendship	6.00
Rock Springs	6.00

Mt. Pleasant	4.50	Wataugua Valley	3.15	Grand total of all receipts for	
Bethel	4.00	Moore's Chapel	3.00	quarter:	\$1357.19
Good Springs	4.00	Lowe's Chapel	2.35	Total disbursements for quarter:	\$1295.71
Olivet	2.00	Joseph's Chapel	2.00	Cash on hand January 1, 1940	61.48
Shady Grove	2.00	Phipp's Bend	1.85	<i>Commodities Received During</i>	
Various Churches (no definite)	27.50	Harris Memorial	1.50	<i>Fourth Quarter</i>	
Ladies Auxiliary Convention	430.65	Van Hill	1.20		
Cumberland Assn. (in session)	51.31	Midway	1.00		
TOTAL from Cumberland Assn.	\$687.41	Morning Star	1.25		
<i>Stone Association:</i>		Chimney Top	1.00	Mrs. J. C. Wall (quilt and food)	\$ 3.90
Stone Association (in session)	\$ 10.16	Eastern Quarterly Meeting	6.00	Midway Church (food)	34.10
TOTAL from Stone Association	\$ 10.16	North Quarterly Meeting	6.00	Mrs. I. J. Brooks (quilt) Ark.	4.00
<i>Union Association</i>		Western Quarterly Meeting	10.05	Martin's Chapel (clothing)	29.50
		Central Quarterly Meeting	25.00	Greenville (food)	15.25
		TOTAL from Union Association	\$328.51	Forest Grove (clothing)	9.84
		<i>Out of State Churches and Persons:</i>		Ladies A. New Salem (quilt) Ga.	4.00
Elizabethon	\$ 54.06	Indian Creek, Virginia	\$ 11.06	Gregg's Chapel (food)	13.85
Martin's Chapel (Erwin)	30.92	Hoover's Chapel, Virginia	10.00	Rev. M. L. Hollis (books)	2.00
Gregg's Chapel (Newport)	23.10	Kilgore Gro. Co.,	10.00	Cumberland Association (pigs)	60.25
Valley View	21.75	Mary's Chapel, Virginia	6.00	Elizabethon Church (food)	14.20
Greenville	20.55	Wood Way Supply Co., Virginia	5.25	New Hope Ladies Aid (quilt) Ark.	4.00
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New Liberty	9.00	Hickory Grove Ch., Hadden, Kan.	2.50	Liberty church (food)	1.00
Forest Grove	8.00	East Tupelo, Tupelo, Miss.	6.60	Total commodities received	
Powder Springs	6.90	Pearce's Chapel, Tupelo, Miss.	10.27	for quarter	\$ 273.79
New Prospect	6.78	Beech Springs, Tupelo, Miss.	13.72	Respectfully submitted,	
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Boys and Girls Corner

The Lord's Supper

It was Sunday morning, and the people were going into the big church for the morning worship service. Tom and Jim watched them, and soon they noticed that many boys no older than they were going into the church too.

"I thought there was a school first, that all the kids went to," said Jim. "What do you 'spose they're going in with the old folks for?"

"There's a sign over there by the door," said Tom. Let's see what it says."

Slowly they spelled out the words on the bulletin board, and some of the people looked curiously at the ragged boys as they passed into the quiet, lovely church. "T-h-e the, L-o-r-d-'s Lord's, S-u-p-p-e-r, Supper," spelled Tom. "What's that?"

"Oh, I know!" whispered Jim excitedly. "Once I went to a show and there was a rich fellow called a lord that gave a big party. Maybe this is a party. Let's go around to that little side door and look in."

They had noticed the small side door where a few people seemed to be going in, so they went up the steps and peeped inside, ready to run if anybody noticed them. Never before had they seen anything so beautiful as the church with its colored windows and soft carpets, and two baskets of flowers making the air sweet.

"Say, it is a party," whispered Jim, for sure enough, there in front of the pulpit stood a long table covered with a white cloth.

"Don't you want to go in?" asked a pleasant voice behind them.

Both boys jumped and were ready to run, but the man behind them looked so friendly that Jim asked, "Dast we? We ain't dressed up," and he looked down at the ragged

and soiled clothes that he and Tom wore.

"That's all right," said their new friend. "Come on, I'll show you where to go," and in another minute the boys were sitting in one of the high pews, the organ was playing softly, and their friend was gone. By and by the choir came in sing-

ing, and then in came the boys' friend all by himself. If they had known about churches they would have known he was the minister, because he went into the pulpit, but all they knew was that when he began to talk he told the sweetest story about a man named Jesus who was kind and loving and good to every one, and who, when He went away

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from this earth, asked His friends to eat supper of remembrance together, to help them remember Him and the things He taught. Those who loved Him dearly called Him "the Lord," and it was His supper that they ate in the church that day.

When the service was over, the boys slipped out through the little door before any of the people could speak to them. "Say it was grand," said Tom, "but I wish we'd had nicer clothes."

"I'm going to clean up and come back next Sunday, and hear that man talk some more," said Jim. "And I hope he'll tell us another story about Jesus. When He was so kind to everybody, guess we ought to try to remember the things He said. I hope all those at the remembering supper will remember too."

Luke 22:19b: "This do in remembrance of me.—St. Pub. Co.

Looking Ahead

You're starting alone on a year's journey

Alone on the highway of life;
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,

Each city with evil is rife.
This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go,
But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, and say
No.

The siren's sweet smile may allure you,

Beware of her cunning and art;
Wherever you see her approaching,
Be guarded and hasten to depart.
The billiard saloons are inviting,
Decked out in their tinsel and show.

Should you be invited to enter,
Have courage, my boy and say
No.

Be careful in choosing companions,
Seek only the brave and the true;
And stand by your friends when-
e'er tried,

We're changing the old for the new.
And when by false friends you are tempted,
The taste of the wine-cup to know,
With firmness, with patience and kindness,
Have courage, my boy, and say
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Ss—lah.

Ps. 12.2; 51.6, 18; 69.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

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By Archbishop Trench

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As broad as the blue sky above;

THAT doubt and trouble, fear and pain,
And anguish, all shadows vain,
That death itself shall not remain;

THAT weary deserts we may tread,
A dreary labyrinth may thread,
Thro' dark ways underground be led;

YET, if we will one Guide obey,
The dreariest path, the darkest way
Shall issue out in heavenly days;

AND we, on divers shores now cast,
Shall meet, our perilous voyage past,
All in our Father's house at last,

AND ere thou leave him, say thou this,
Yet one word more—they only miss
The winning of that final bliss,

WHO will not count it true, that love,
Blessings, not cursing, rules above,
And in it we live and move.

AND one thing further make him know
That to believe these things are so,
This firm faith never to forego,

DESPITE of all which seems at strife
With blessing, all with curses rife,
That *is* blessing, that *is* life.

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1940 and Our School Program

By J. R. DAVIDSON, *Chairman-Treasurer Board, Bryan, Texas*

I am sure that it is remembered by quite a few that your National Board aimed at opening our school by January 1940, yet it must also be remembered that we have told you all the while that our plan was to direct in just the educational program you desired, and to start actual work at the time you make it possible. However, there was only one barometer by which we could measure your desires, and that was by the amount of cash which you turned over to us with which to do the job. Although quite a few have been faithful, and regular, in their giving, so far the amount of cash turned over does not justify the project. The board is very anxious to go ahead, but we can not do what our people fail to justify with cash, though we want every one to know that we fully appreciate what co-operation has been given. We regret very much that we have come to 1940 without enough money to negotiate a deal for property, and arrange business for the operation of school work, but with the means of contact we have been forced to use, we have urged as best we could such response as would justify the opening of a school. It is our sincere prayer that the appeal can be changed from a talked of future school to an actual working unit for the glory of God and the furtherance of His cause by the fall of 1940.

There are some opportunities opening again to the board for securing property in east Tennessee, near the orphanage, and we do not wish to be forced to pass up any worthwhile proposition because of the lack of funds. I am in receipt of information to the effect that the Cedar Creek proposition may be opened again at our will, but I do not know how soon it may close again. I am also informed that land may be secured, with interesting considera-

tions, near the orphanage on which we may construct such buildings as will be needed for the present, to which we can add as growth justifies. There comes also offers from the County Board of Greene County to co-operate in affording such academic work as may be desired by students. Are you eager for us to be able to take advantage of good opportunities as may come? If so sit down and mail your check now.

Should a sufficient number of our substantial business brethren say to the board, "go ahead in your best wisdom, you can depend on us to get in, and stay in, the battle with you until victory is achieved," then we could feel, at least, a degree of safety in negotiating a deal. But as long as so many stand off and say, "I am going to fall in line when I am assured (by some supernatural move the board makes) that the thing is going to be a success," we will just have to wait and trail along with you. I am here reminded of the fact that Israel was kept from the blessings of the Promised Land forty years longer than was necessary; for similar reasons that we are robbed of the blessings of a good school. Caleb and Joshua had faith, and wanted to go ahead, but the sin in the life of congregation at large kept them in the wilderness also. Brethren, we are with you, whether you stay in this wilderness, or march on into the blessedness of His promises, but we urge that you sincerely join us in this most needed work of our church today. Your board cannot achieve this single-handed, no more than Caleb and Joshua could possess the Promised Land thus, but with Christian co-operation we can do it, and that in 1940. I am trying to say to you again," It is up to you to help us make possible the school about which we have talked, dreamed and

prayed so long." We have wondered where it would be, and just how things would materialize. Well, if you will rally as you ought we may soon know.

Some are feeling that they can relax so far as this matter is concerned because of local projects. We, too, are in a building program at the Bryan Church, but we dare not stand aloof from our National Projects. The fact that many of us are striving to build up locally is another strong point in favor of the school. I am frank to say that I feel that in a great measure our building up locally will be vain from a denominational standpoint if we fail in our educational work. Hear me! My brethren, and let us rise up and build. Why not throw all self-conceited ideas in the junk heap and say I will be big enough to help those who are trying. The board does not deny the fact that criticism can be offered, but if criticism, one or another, would have made for success we would have the greatest church in the world now. We have tried our selfish ways, let's try God's way, and rejoice.

I am calling attention to all who have pledged, and have not met your agreement, to the fact that time is moving on. Some with monthly responsibilities, some with quarterly ones, some with semi-annual and some with annual pledges are now in arrears. Won't you just now get your checkbook and settle up? If you can not just drop me a line stating the facts, and when you will try to meet yours.

Looking on my records I see a number of names who said, "I will do so much by January 1940." Well, that time is here, but there is only one of these who has paid up in full. Some have been paying for sometime though. Will you please cash

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EDITORIAL

J. R. Davidson, chairman of the National Board of Education, is doing his best to put the educational program over in a fine way. His articles in the Baptist are timely, and he is putting forth much effort to get the people to stand behind the Board, and to raise money to enable the Board to open a school in the very near future.

It is very necessary for the welfare of the church that a good Bible school be set in operation within the next few months. It will have to be started in a small way, and grow as the work develops through the coming years. Moreover, it is the duty of the pastors and the laity to get busy in all of the churches to raise money between now and the convening of the National Association in July at Paintsville, Kentucky, so that the Educational Board will be in a position to take steps to begin school work this fall.

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The mission fields are in need of more missionaries in the work. In India Miss Barnard needs additional helpers. The same is true in Venezuela with Miss Yeley in South America. Rev. Thomas H. Willey will be in need of helpers in Panama as soon as he gets the work well in hand this year. But before additional missionaries are to be sent into these different fields more money must be raised for mission work. In fact, more money is now needed for those who are already in the fields. The churches must rally to the extent that an adequate support will be forthcoming for these faithful laborers in the fields. There must not be, at this time, a falling off of funds for these loyal workers. They are depending on us here at home to do our part to keep the work going in a creditable way. God will not be pleased with slothfulness in this great work. On the

other hand, blessings are promised to those who will give of their substance that this worthy work might go on uninterrupted.

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When a good program of work in the church has been tried and proved to be worthwhile, why not keep going year after year? Remember it takes time for some things to become a great success, and when once some piece of work has shown to be of value to the church, why drop it? But this thing often happens with some churches, and some local auxiliaries of the churches. The great colleges and Universities had small beginnings, and it took years for them to develop into the strong institutions that there are today. The same is true of certain phases of church work. It is usually true, the best ministers are those who have labored long and hard, having stood by the principles of loyalty and perseverance until success was achieved. If the Free Will Baptist church had stuck to some essential principles in the past, and the leaders had labored on courageously for those principles, it would today be further along the road of Christian service. In education particularly, she would have accomplished more had she adhered to some of her attempts which, by one discouragement or another, she soon forsook.

There is an old saying, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." But a church that has failed, in a very large measure, in the fields of missions and education, has failed many other ways by not launching forth with sufficient zeal to win a place among the ranks of other Christian denominations. Our church has made many attempts and failed to go on. The start was good but the vision and spirit of perseverance were lacking. Let the new take the place of the old only when the old no longer proves adequate and effec-

tive to meet present day demands. So long as a work is going well, then keep it going to further success. The Lord's disciples were to have faith and to endure hardships, and so are we. We are taught to hold fast to that which is good, for when a thing proves to be of value there is no good reason to discard it for something untried and uncertain.

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According to the thinking of some people there is too much preaching these days. They say the church is doing very little good, and is of great expense to the people. If we had less preaching, as they contend, the world would be just as well off, and no one would see much difference.

But among this class one will find the prevalent idea that Sunday sports, Sunday buying and selling, Sunday seashore bathing, Sunday shows and the like should go on, for they see no harm in such practices on the Lord's Day. This same class is willing to have legalized intoxicating liquors on sale over the land, and let all do as they please in the use of such matters. No harm to take a drink, no harm to play ball for commercial purposes on Sunday, no harm to visit the places of vice and sin any time, no harm to spend your money for such pleasures or past time, they claim. That is what the world is doing and why not join in with the crowd.

Bad environment is made by bad people. Evil desires find their origin in evil hearts. Things are made corrupt by corrupt practices, as a human's life is made good or bad by the way it is lived. Often the good is overcome by the fruits of the evil intents and purposes of the heart. As a man liveth in thought, deed and activities, so he becomes when he has grown old. This ultimately becomes true of a community, town, city or nation; for the thoughts, deeds and activities of the people stamp the imprint of their lives upon the place they had a hand in making, whether it be good or whether it be bad.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Listen to This Announcement—

"We will give a show tonight at the church, sponsored by the——, and Saturday night we will be at —— to give a show in connection with the "old barn dance" so "Come right on down and have the time of your life." How can a Christian sponsor shows in the church? No "fountain can send forth both sweet and bitter water." See James 3:11. No party can give a show for the glory of God tonight and put on a show for the joy of the Devil Saturday night. In fact shows do not belong to the house of God, in no way. The house of God is for worship only. No wonder that there are so many dead churches. Any church that looks to a bunch of "show-birds" to raise the finance for the support of the church is *Spiritually dead*. It is a shame upon the church. The "hill-billie crowd" and all other "show-birds" will not put on shows in a church that I am the pastor of, until after I have resigned, so if all you preachers will put your foot down on it we will keep them out from the Free Will Baptist church. Some denominations have about sold out to that crowd in some places. Listen to the Radio announcement and see.

Qualifications for the Soul-Winner—1. He must be a thorough Christian. The first step in bringing other men to Christ is to know the way to him yourself. In Luke 22:32, Jesus says to Peter: "And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Peter himself must first be right with God before he can bring others into a right relationship with God."—*William Evans*.

You cannot lead men to Christ by putting on shows, and through worldly entertainments. It is not God's way. The Gospel of Jesus Christ must be presented by a per-

son who has found *Jesus Christ Himself*.

2. The person who would win others to Christ must be a Spirit-filled person. The Spirit of the Lord said to Phillip, "Go near and join thyself to this chariot." So, Phillip went, as the Spirit bade him, and the result was, a stranger was led to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Phillip could have made many excuses. Excuses like a great many of us make today, when we are not spirit-filled. Cold storage orations, arguments, church creeds, dogmas, rituals, not even articles of faith can get the unsaved to Christ. It must be done by, and through those who are "born again," and filled with the Spirit.

Of course, all men will not be saved, when Christ preached, "some believed and some believed not." When Paul and the other apostles preached some even "mocked" but some believed. There are millions going to hell. They are going justly, because they will not believe the Word of God, but all those who are saved—have been and will be—are those who have listened to the word of God, as presented by God, thru His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit-filled servants of God. Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." Christ the Light of the World sends forth His light thru persons who will yield themselves perfectly unto Him, that others "Whosoever will" may be saved. It is not the machinery of the church, but the Holy Spirit, this old world needs.

A Word about Princeton

By Clarence Bowen

Frequently we have been asked about our work at the Princeton Free Will Baptist Church. Perhaps a few words in this dear paper concerning our ministry there will be of interest to our readers.

In February, 1939, Rev. James Evans and I, through the Home

Mission Board of the State Association, sponsored what we felt was a fairly successful revival. Quite a number of persons were saved in this meeting and interest was deep. Out of this revival come the present organization. The old membership roll was discarded entirely and a new list was set up. Several members have come into the "new church" since then.

We have been fortunate to hold services at Princeton every third Sunday afternoon at three o'clock since the revival; the church having elected yours truly as pastor.

Last Sunday we held quarterly meeting and communion together. Of those who attended, we suppose about 12 observed the Lord's Supper by taking the emblems. We learned in this meeting that this was the first communion service held in the church in about four years. That fact bore a great deal of significance for me. It is our purpose to continue these services each quarter.

Among the many ministers and friends who have visited our meetings on third Sundays have been: Rev. Rommie Mitchell, Rev. Gary Pike, Rev. Brantly of the Princeton Methodist church, Mr. Bob Pittman of Piney Grove church, Rev. Walter Williams and family and many others from Rains Cross Roads and other communities.

Brother Pittman promised to bring a group to sing for us next third Sunday.

All in all, we are still alive here. True, there is much room for growth and improvement. Many memories must be first be forgotten, some skeptics must first turn about and help us or else keep quiet, a little more praying and hard work must yet be done, and perhaps some definite support from our own people in and near Princeton, in various ways, must be forthcoming before success of any amount is realized.

Pray for us at Princeton, and come down to see us sometime!

Some Problems of Evangelism

By H. C. Brewer, Duluth, Minn.

One of the greatest problems confronting the Christian Church and her workers today, is the task of convincing sinners that there is such a thing as sin, common to and generally prevalent among men. We have taught and preached social perfection, "goody-goody" doctrines, and so whitewashed original sin generally, that almost anything that can be gotten away with short of murder is considered perfectly orthodox. We must tactfully and surely convince the sinner of his sin before we can successfully press his need of a Saviour.

A second problem of great magnitude is the task of converting the lost sheep within the church. The very nature of the church presupposes that there will always be unsaved members within its confines; the too common prevalence of such members in the average modern church has become so glaring and manifest that they actually constitute a menace to church progress. Not a few churches have become water-logged because of them. The business of the Christian Church is to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as it is revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures, by nature, and through earnest prayer.

When sin and hell, or either one of them, are taken out of the Bible you destroy its efficacy and deprive Christianity of much of its power over the lives and destinies of men. Hell is just as much a part of the gospel as heaven is; and if there is no sin, salvation is not necessary.

Needless to say, a soul winner must first be a won soul. If we would win souls for Christ we must present the unvarnished, unaltered truth of His gospel to sinners so that we may convince them of their need of a Saviour. How? In your own way, as the Spirit leads and gives you utterance.

The successful pastor of every

growing church begins his work in the pulpit, and continues it throughout the week with prayer and every contact with the unsaved that he can make. And every Christian member of his congregation is proportionately alive.—*Moody Monthly*.

Religious Liberty

Dr. George W. Truett, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, in an address before the Baptist General Convention of Texas, at San Antonio, on November 16th, warned his fellow communicants against "insidious encroachments" upon religious liberty in the United States.

Deploping the recent loss of civil rights, including religious freedom, in other countries, it behooves us to open our eyes," he said, "to the subtle and overt threats to our freedom in these rights at home."

Doctor Truett called special attention to the allocation of public funds to sectarian purposes in recent years by some of the state legislatures.

Labeling the separation of Church and State as the "inevitable corollary" to religious freedom, which he asserted was purchased by our fathers at a great price, he urged that *all our people need to be wide awake to the danger to this landmark of religious freedom.*

Reminding the convention that Christianity places emphasis upon individualism, Doctor Truett said that it followed logically that every man has the right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience; and that no man or set of men, no Government, religious or civil, has the right to dictate how a person shall worship God or to punish him if he does not worship in a certain way.

Baptists, he continued, regard as an enormity any attempt to force men, under penalty or patronage, to this or that form of religious belief. —*Clipped*.

When the Sun and Moon Stood Still

I would like to give some views on the above subject. I am aware of the fact that science teaches that the earth revolves and the sun, moon and stars are stationary. I shall not argue that point. Some people claim that Joshua didn't know any thing about the science that governed the sun, moon and stars. But it appears to me that a man with as much of God's favor or love as Joshua had, even so much that the sun and moon obeyed his command, that the Lord had instructed Joshua to command the earth to stand still, if the earth was revolving. Please read Joshua 10:12 to get Joshua's words verbatim with the Bible.

Now some people argue that the sun and moon have never been commanded to go on their journey again. No matter where they were commanded or not, if you will read Joshua 10:13 you will see they only stood still "until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies." That little word until signifies that the sun and moon went on their journey again. We also find in verse 13 that "the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, about a whole day." By it being in the midst of heaven, we understand it was about 12 o'clock, noon. We also learn that the sun stood still 23 hours and 40 minutes which corresponds with the Bible about a whole day. I guess most every one knows that 24 hours represent a day.

Now—some one might say that if the sun stopped exactly at 12 o'clock and started again after 23 hours and 40 minutes that it would put the sun 20 minutes ahead of the clocks or sun dials which they used in those days. Well it did for a while, but the Lord always does His part to make things work in harmony. Read Isaiah 38:8 "So the sun returned ten degrees by which degrees it was gone down." Ten degrees on the sun dial equals 20 minutes by our clocks. After the shadows went back ten degrees on

the sun dial then the sun continued to rise and set on regular scheduled time as it did before Joshua commanded it to stop.

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"Toiling On"

By Mrs. C. T. Adams
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Durham, North Carolina

In Cor. 2:9-10 it is written: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. That is just what the Spirit does. He brings to our mind what God has in store for us, if we repent, believe, and place our life upon His altar. Then He will show us what He has prepared for us, if we will keep pressing on the mark for the prize of the high calling.

Abraham was not tempted by the well-watered plains of Sodom for he was a long-sighted man; he had his eyes set on the city which had foundation—whose builder and Maker is God. He had glimpses of the celestial city.

When Moses left the palaces of Egypt and identified himself with God's people—poor people who were slaves, he had something in view yonder; he could see the things which God had in store for him.

May we long-sighted Christians this New Year, do whatever our hands find to do, to God's glory, with our hope resting in the words of a favorite hymn:

If I walk in the pathway of duty
If I work till the close of the day
I shall see the great King in His beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way.
If for Christ I proclaim the glad story

If I seek for His sheep gone astray
I am sure He will show me His glory

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

When I've gone the last mile of the way

I will rest at the close of the day
And I know there joys that await me

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

News Flashes on the Liquor Situation

GOVERNOR O'DANIEL OF TEXAS
DENOUNCES LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Austin, Texas—In a recent address, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel accused the professional politicians of business of selling liquor through having his state engineered into the state owned stores. He denounced the liquor traffic in these words:

"It looks inconsistent for a state government to be a partner in the booze business which makes boys drunk and while in that condition many good boys are influenced to commit atrocious crimes that they would not otherwise think of doing—crimes for which the state murders them (by electrocution)."

KENTUCKY NOW HAS 1314 DRY
UNITS, 80 MORE THAN
LAST YEAR

Louisville, Kentucky—In spite of the government figures for 1938 crediting Kentucky's 70 licensed distilleries with producing 40.5 per cent of all the hard liquor made in the United States, Kentucky continues to gain in dry territory. A recent survey shows that 43 per cent of Kentucky is now dry and that 28 per cent of the population is now living in dry territory. At the close of 1939 there were 1314 dry units—including 49 counties, a gain of 80 units over the previous year.

\$7,200 WORTH OF BOOZE
SEIZED BY STATE
RAIDERS

Knoxville, Tennessee—Officers of the State Highway Patrol and inspectors from the State Department of Finance and Taxation made a raid on a storehouse on Clinton Pike, near Myrtle's Place, a liquor establishment, and seized 200 cases of illicit liquor, valued at \$7,200. It was the biggest haul ever reported here.

COURT DECISION SAYS NO
CITIZEN HAS ANY RIGHT
TO SELL LIQUOR

Los Angeles, California—In deciding a case before him recently, in which it was sought to set aside the cancellation of a liquor license by the State Board of Liquor Control, Judge Emmet H. Wilson of the Los Angeles County Superior Court said:

"The liquor business has been recognized by the courts of practically all states as being characteristically different from other businesses, and there is no inherent right in any citizen to deal in intoxicating liquors. A license does not create a vested right, but is merely a temporary permit."

FIFTY PER CENT OF LIQUOR
SERVED IN NEW YORK IS
POURED FROM REFILL-
ED BOTTLES

New York—The New York Post recently published a series of five articles by a staff writer, showing that 50 per cent of the liquor sold in New York bars is poured from re-filled bottles. This indicates that when a customer calls for "three fingers" of a nationally advertised brand of liquor, he may in fact, be given the cheapest kind of bootleg.

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The Passion for Giving

K. Y. Plank

With Jesus, giving was a passion, in so much that He gave His life. He made giving a requirement of discipleship. To the rich young ruler He said, "Sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." To the Jews he said, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Giving was a passion with the early Jerusalem church. "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." With Paul, giving was a grace in which he urged the people to abound. Apparently in those days it was not so difficult to induce Christians to give. Only those withheld from God who were hypocrites, like Ananias and Sapphira, or others who had not caught a real vision of the Christian way of life.

The passion for giving is a necessary Christian quality. One cannot really be Christlike without it. In the Christian community at Jerusalem there were none who lacked, because those who had possessions were eager to share. Yet it was different from any communistic society that man has ever attempted to establish. It was voluntary, and based upon the passion for giving.

The Christian community, based upon the passion for giving, keeps its incentive for accomplishment. The Christian must live to give. The more he gets the more he has to give. The more he trains himself and develops his ability and talents, the better he can serve. Giving becomes his life-purpose and his joy. He still has the desire for getting, but the purpose of his getting has changed. He endeavors to get that he may have to give. He seeks to de-

velop all his resources—spiritual, mental, and material—in order that he may have more to give to God and to humanity.

When the church lost her passion for giving she apostatized. Her selfishness is her weakness. She cannot be powerful unless giving is a passion with her. Such a passion will provide the impetus and the power, under God, to evangelize the world.—*Selected.*

Monthly Meeting of Ladies Aid Society in Greenville

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Greenville Free Will Baptist church met with Mrs. H. W. Snell on January 15, 1940, with Mrs. L. E. Ballard leading. The devotional song was "To the Work." The Lord's Prayer was prayed by all. The 5th Chapter of Luke was read by Mrs. Sophia Hardee, after which we had special music rendered by two young men. Their songs were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden." "The Gospel According to You" was read by Mrs. H. T. Bozeman. Prayer by Mrs. Ballard, after which she gave a very interesting talk, which everyone enjoyed very much.

The president at this time announced the meeting open for business. The minutes were read and approved. Roll called. One visitor was welcomed. Dues \$2.10. Moved and seconded that the president authorize the secretary to make a new list of the members and contact every inactive member. Voted to send a get-well card to Mrs. Bertha Cox and a special card to Mrs. W. F. Owen. Mrs. S. M. Waters reported \$133.00 in money and clothing for the Orphanage. Moved and seconded that the Society pay Mrs. Ballard fifty cents for books for the missionary play. Mrs. Mollie Heath appointed to lead the February meeting at Mrs. Walter Martin's on Monday, February 12th.

The following financial report was made: Cash on hand, \$16.55;

dues, \$2.10; from sales of pot-cleaners and brooms \$9.20. Total \$27.85. Expenditures: For brooms \$20.25; freight \$1.00; for missionary books, \$.50; total \$21.75. Balance carried forward \$6.10.

The following social service report was made: Visits 137; trays, 13; flowers 2; benevolence \$7.75.

Society adjourned after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Snell.

Mrs. H. T. Bozeman, *President*,
Mrs. Daisy Whitehurst, *Secy.*

The Christian's Attitude Toward His Enemies

Warren C. Roark

No matter how good a person is, he is sure to have a few enemies. He will have some because he is good. The question is: how shall one treat his enemies and what shall he do with them? We shall let Jesus answer. His teachings are as workable today in our complex social order as they were in His own time. Jesus dealt with the great fundamental principles of human nature.

He tells us that we are to forgive our enemies: "When ye stand praying, forgive" (Mark 11:25). Many say, "I will forgive if he is worthy, or if he comes halfway, or if he should ask me." On that basis none of us could get forgiveness from God for our sins. We must forgive whether our enemy comes halfway, is worthy, or asks. Unless we forgive, we shall never be forgiven.

We must be reconciled to our enemies (Matthew 5:23-24). How much better the world would be if all men would obey Jesus in such matters! Have you made an honest effort to become reconciled?

We must speak no evil of our enemies (Titus 3:2). Some people think that because a person has wronged them, they have a right to speak evil also. Such is not the case. We

have no right to speak evil of any man. We have a right to speak the truth, the facts, but have no right to run down his character.

It is our duty to pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44). When someone wrongs us, instead of going home to talk let us get down and pray for him. We will feel better ourselves and it will do him much good.

We are commanded to feed our enemies (Romans 12:20). This does not mean that we are to support him and his family; but if through misfortune he is in want, it is our duty to provide for him.

Perhaps the hardest thing to do is to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44). The law taught, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"; but Jesus said, "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you."

We are required to forgive, to be reconciled, to speak no evil, to pray, to feed, to love our enemies that we may be the children of our Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:25). We are to forgive that we may be forgiven (Matthew 6:14). We are to show mercy that we may obtain mercy (Matthew 5:7). It makes for greater peace and happiness in this life. To love is better than to hate. —*In the Gospel Trumpet.*

Country

By Edgar Daniel Kramer

When I grow weary of the crash
Of sounds that clamor from the
 thrung,
I steal away to find a brook
And lean above its liquid song.

When I grow tired of the scowls
Of faces marked with city guile,
I turn to where the lilac leaves
 Reflect the dawning with a smile.

When I grow faint from fetid airs,
That rise where crowds forever
 pass,

I stumble out to meet the fields
And revel in the fragrant grass.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for
they shall be called the children of
God.—Matthew 5:9.

*Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of glowing
 strife;*

*They shall be called the heirs of
 bliss,
The sons of God, the sons of peace.*

Follow peace with all men, and
holiness, without which no man shall
see the Lord.—Hebrews 12:14.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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The Annual Aid Report of King's Cross Roads

Our Ladies Aid Society meets twice each month. We have our business meeting each third Sunday morning before services. We meet in the homes Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in each month in order to have a program. We elected new officers in December for the coming year and they are: Mrs. Blanche Tugwell, President; Miss Neva Mae Harris, Vice President; Mrs. W. M. Corbett, Secretary; and Mrs. Louis Creech, Treasurer.

Number Members	51
Active members	35
Balance on hand, January	
1, 1939	\$ 5.10
Amount of dues paid	39.50
Amount for brooms	29.75
Amount for chickens and	
Sunday Eggs	45.80

Total in all	\$120.15
Total paid out	100.19
Balance in Treasury, Jan.	
1, 1940	20.19

Birthday Box

Bal. in Box, Jan. 1, 1939	\$ 1.96
Bal. in Box, Jan. 1, 1940	2.95
Amount spent for sick	4.00
Mrs. Blanche Tugwell, <i>Pres.</i> ,	
Mrs. W. M. Corbett, <i>Secretary</i> ,	

The Annual Aid Report of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church

The Ladies Aid society of Union Grove church meets once a month at the home of different members. It opens with a devotional period, and a very interesting program is usually given in connection with the

lesson. Next, we enter into the business of the society which is interesting also, because there is such a great work that needs to be done. We always try to put our money to the very best advantage.

The following is a report for the year, 1939.

Cards of all kinds	100
Sick visits	910
Trays	159
Bible reading (chapters)	2300
Quarts of milk	50
Floral designs	2
Dues	\$47.30
National dues	3.65
Special and other ways	47.91
Birthday Box	10.05
Cleaning Church from Mr.	
N. M. Pittman	11.00
Clothing for adopted Orphan-	
age girl.	25.00
Balance in treasury	22.51

Mrs. Valentine Preston,
Corresponding Secretary

Annual Report of Smith- field Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of Smithfield F. W. B. Church elected officers for 1940.

Mrs. D. W. Parker, President;	
Mrs. L. F. Strickland, First Vice	
President; Mrs. B. L. Owens, Sec-	
ond Vice President; Mrs. W. A.	
Williams, Third Vice President;	
Mrs. Verna Rose Saurey, Fourth	
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Dupree, Recording Secretary, Mrs.	
E. H. Edmonds, Corresponding Sec-	
retary, Mrs. Mattie Pittman, Treas-	
urer; Mrs. Frank West—Field	
Worker; Number of members	20
Average attendance	16
Dues collected for the year	\$33.55
Amount raised other ways	79.80

Total \$113.35

Disbursements

Amount paid on Smithfield	
church	\$79.80
Amount sent to orphanage	25.00
Amount sent to Associations	7.00

Total	\$118.80
Visits made	1103
Trays	114
Number flowers	102
Chapters read in Bible	1635

Rest

By Edith Swinehart

Circumstances often make,
Link on link, a chain
To change a lissome, happy soul
Into a thing of pain.
Yet chains are powerless to hold
One who is truly free;
If poverty or sickness comes,
It will a blessing be.
So we who know the love of God
May rest in Him, secure,
And come what may, or go what
will,
God's care is always sure.

Rest, my weary, wayward heart;
Quietly resign
Thy anxious will, and make
Thy Father's pleasure thine.
The sunshine of His love will turn
The iron chain to gold,
And, link on link, an endless store
Of wealth thy hands shall hold.
—Sel.

1940 and Our School Program

(Continued from page three)

in, and save the postage I will have to use in writing to you personally?

I call the attention of the ladies to Sister Bennett's appeal in the issue of the Baptist dated January 17, 1940. Just accept this challenge. Thanks Sister Bennett.

All together in this great cause, and we win. I am really looking to hear from you.

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Albemarle Union and Sunday School Convention

The Albemarle Union met with Corinth Church on December 30, 1939. The meeting was opened with praise and prayer, devotions being conducted by John Paul. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. C. Griffin. It was a fine message, his subject being: "We are Laborers with God."

A motion was made to send five dollars to Zion Bible School, and five dollars to Superintendent Tyson of the Orphanage. Another motion was made to send Rev. Willett L. Moretz twenty-five dollars for missions. It was also ordered that a committee be appointed to work out plans for the distribution of the money coming into the union for missions in the future, and make their report at the next union. The committee is as follows: H. S. Swain, Joe W. Brickhouse and W. V. Waters..

The churches represented at this union sent \$16.75 for the union, and \$8.25 for missions. The next session will meet with Union Grove, Beaufort County.

Rev. E. C. Morris, *Mod.*,
H. S. Swain, *Clerk.*

The Albemarle Sunday School convention met with the Corinth Church on the Fifth Sunday in December, 1939. It was opened by praise and prayer. The devotional services were conducted by Miss Beverly Coburn. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached at the eleven o'clock hour. His subject was: "The Happy Man." It was based on the first Psalm.

Elders W. L. Hart, L. B. Manning, J. C. Griffin and M. E. Tyson were present as visitors, and were invited to seats with us. The schools representing sent \$42.85 for our Orphanage. A public collection was taken and the amount of \$13.02 was received for the Orphanage, making a total received for the Orphanage \$55.87.

A motion was made and carried authorizing the clerk to send a sketch of the proceedings of the union and Sunday School convention to the Baptist for publication. The next session will be held with Union Grove church in Beaufort County on the Fifth Sunday in March.

C. A. Voliva, *President*,
H. S. Swain, *Clerk*

Our Hidden Sins

By Mrs. James E. Howard

Sometime old Satan whispers
To each of God's children I know;
Telling us we can hide our sins
As we journey here below.

He tells us we can do many things
That our hearts tells are sin;
And no one will be the wiser
Or read our hearts within.

But don't let Satan fool you,
For what friends on earth cannot see,
It's plain as day to our Heavenly
Father,
And forever and ever will be.

For man looketh on the outward
appearance,
But God looketh on the heart;
He knows each word and deed and
thought,
For sin always leaves its work.

It may be at the midnight hour,
We may think we are alone;
But God is ever watching
As He sits upon His throne.

And nothing ever escapes Him
Of the commandments we fail to
keep;
And sooner or later we'll know
That what we sow we'll also reap.

The wages of sin are death we read,
As we study His holy Word;
But the gift of God is eternal life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then let's face the facts today,

And know that God sees all;
The good that we do, or the pitfall
of sin
Into which we stumble and fall.

But there is a promise given,
Of plenteous grace to overthrow;
The wiles and snares of Satan
Through this world of sin and
woe.

So don't ever think you can get away
With things you've done;
It will hurt you here; it will hurt
you there,
When you stand before God's
throne.

Throw back your shoulders, brother,
Take courage and begin today;
To live for Jesus all the time
As you journey on life's way.

Then we'll hear the Father say,
"Well done thou faithful one;
Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord,
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Good Citizens and Good Neighbors

(Lesson for February 18)

Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40.

Golden Text: "*Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself*" (Matt. 22:39).

I. Practical Lessons

The chapter from which our lesson is taken gives an account of three groups of enemies of Christ and their attempts to entangle Him, and then the unanswerable question of Jesus about Christ's Sonship. Our lesson gives us only two of these.

Consider (1) *Our obligation to the state*. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. The New Testament leaves believers in no doubt that, although citizens of Heaven (Philippians 3:20, marg.), they cannot evade their duties while pilgrims below. "The powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). Subjection to these powers is enjoined; to resist them is to resist "the ordinance of God" (vs. 2). Paul recognized that emperors by enforcing the law, prevented evil-doers from carrying out their sinister purposes. He had cause to thank Roman law for deliverance on several occasions (Acts 21:32; 23:10; 25:7-12). Because of privileges enjoyed, taxes should be paid without demur (Romans 13:6, 7). Under civil government we enjoy protection, education, sanitation, etc., and we must be prepared to support the powers which accord us such privileges. Willing service is to be rendered in our vocation (I Corinthians 7:21-24; Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-25). The obedience which belongs to kings and governors under the laws is to be given as the servants God (I Peter 2:13-

17). The things which belong to man must not be withheld from him.

(2) *Our Obligation to God*. Render unto God the things which are God's. There are duties to civil government and there are duties to God. They are entirely compatible with each other, though there is a distinction between them. There is also a limit to the former. Under democratic government full freedom of worship, of thought, of action, is enjoyed and we should be grateful for these priceless privileges and never abuse them. We can fulfill our obligation both to God and man, without these coming into conflict with each other. But when man trespasses in God's domain and claims from us that which belongs to God, *we must refuse to rob God of His right*. The duty of refusing obedience when the requirements of civil authority clash with the command of God is taught in Scripture (Daniel 3:18; 6:10). The Lord said to Peter, "Go, stand and speak" (Acts 5:20). The San-

hedrin commanded silence (vs. 23), who was Peter to obey—God or man? Obedience to God must always come first—"We ought to obey God rather than men" (vs. 29). The sovereignty of God must be paramount over all human sovereignties. When the state calls on us to do things which we know from the revealed Word of God is wrong, then there must be no hesitation, no compromise, we must obey God first, always, whatever the consequences.

Read verses 15-22 of the Lesson.

3. The Christian is to keep an even balance between his duty to God and to his neighbor, if he would have a normal Christian experience. There is a constant temptation to lean one way or the other. There are those who have shut themselves off from the world in monasteries and sought to cultivate a holy life; but they have not succeeded. Others have engaged in busy social service and given no time to communion with God; and they also have a barren experience. The Christian is a

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citizen of two realms; his highest citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20); but like Paul of Tarsus, he has a citizenship upon earth, which it is his right and duty to recognize (Acts 21:39). This double citizenship is not a contradiction in the believer's life and service; it is a result of dual nature of spirit and matter. Man has spiritual needs and instincts that must be met. So he has social needs and instincts that must be supplied. He lives, grows and prospers in working with his fellows.

Read verses 34-40 of the lesson.—
R. C.

4. *The Wrong Way to Do It.* Suppose, some cold morning, you went into a neighbor's house, and found him busy at work on his windows, scratching away, and you asked him what he was doing, and he replied, "I am trying to remove the frost; but as fast as I get it off one square, it comes on another," would you not say, "Why not let your window alone, and make a fire? If you warm the room the frost will soon come off?" So if we want to remove the frost of hatred and bad habits, let the fire of love to God, kindled by prayer, burn in our hearts, and the bad habits will melt away.—*J. E. W. in Christian Herald.*

Building a House

By Virginia Leach Ballou

Dear Lord, I pray that I may be
Like the wise man of Galilee,
Who built his house upon the rock
Where it withstood the mighty
shock
Of winds and waves and storms, of
sea
Upon the shores of Galilee.

Oh let me not, on shifting sands,
Misplace the labor of thy hands;
But let me build my puny life
That it withstand the storm and
strife,
And from temptations ever flee,
Ere they have chance to conquer me.

—Selected.

Silence

Be still, the crown of life is silent-
ness:

Give thou a quiet hour to each long
day.

Too much of time we spend in profit-
less

And foolish talk, too little do we say.
If thou would'st gather words that

shall avail,
Learning a wisdom worthy to ex-
press,
Leave for a while thy chat and
empty tale,
Study the golden speech of silent-
ness.

—Anonymous.

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With them, Goliath vanquished."

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Boys and Girls Corner

Why Do We Have Turkey for Thanksgiving?

Why do we have turkey for Thanksgiving? The usual answer to such a question is that the New England colonists ate turkey on the First Thanksgiving Day. There is much of truth in that answer, for certainly the tradition of Thanksgiving goes back to that colonial beginning, but the Pilgrim Fathers were not the first persons on this continent to find out how good turkey was to eat.

Long before the white men had come to live in America the Indians had learned that turkey is a fine dish for a gala occasion. In the southwestern part of the present United States and in Mexico the cliff dwellers and other original tribes used the meat of the turkey for their ceremonial feasts. The birds were wild but the Indians learned to catch and tame them so they could be fattened before they were killed. The wild turkeys roamed over Arizona, western New Mexico, and southern Colorado, as well as Mexico.

After the coming of the Spaniards turkeys were sent to European markets and that is where they gained their name. The merchants, who were mostly Hebrews, thought that this new bird was a kind of peacock and so called it by their name for the peacock which was "tukki." More or less constant use of this term resulted in the English word turkey.

The turkey is peculiarly an American bird. No other country has a similar fowl. Wherever turkeys are raised today, and they have been introduced into many countries, the ancestral stock came from America. This is one reason why it is fitting that the turkey should be associated with Thanksgiving, which is a distinctive American feast. Like the cliff dwellers, we too use domesticated

ed fowls and our feast has also a certain ceremonial significance.

When the Puritans desired to celebrate their first abundant harvest in Plymouth in 1621 hunters were sent into the woods to secure turkeys for the dinner. The colonial records says: "That year there was also a great store of wild turkeys." At first these beautiful birds were

plentiful everywhere but they were timid and fled inland so that after 1690 no more records are found of them in New England, but they were still so plentiful in Georgia in 1733 that they sold for four pence apiece.

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By W. H. Howell

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NOTES

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AND THE firmament sheweth his handiwork.
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.

THERE IS no speech nor language;
Their voice can not be heard.

THEIR LINE is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

WHICH IS as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.

HIS GOING forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

THE LAW of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul:
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

THE PRECEPTS of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening
the eyes.

THE FEAR of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous
altogether.

MORE TO be desired are they than gold, yea, than much
fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

MOREOVER by them is thy servant warned:
In keeping of them there is great reward.

WHO CAN discern his errors?
Clear thou me from hidden faults.

KEEP BACK thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be
perfect,

And I shall be clear from great transgression.

LET THE words of my mouth and the meditations of my
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O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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Christ's Invitation to a Lost World

By WILLET L. MORETZ

(Radio message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Free Will Baptist Pastor and Evangelist, Swananoa, N. C., over WPTF, February 12, 1940 on your Daily Devotional Program.)

The text to which I want to call your attention this morning is found in the 11th chapter of Matthew, and the 28th verse.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

I want us to notice in the very beginning that this is an invitation, issued by Jesus Christ, to a lost world, to come to Him and find rest. Jesus knew the condition of a people weighted down under the load of sin. Sin makes slaves of people. Here is an invitation to come to One who can free all from burdens which sin imposes upon you. "If the Son therefore shall make you free you shall be free indeed."

Jesus had a great purpose in coming into the world. He did not come for fame or riches. He was offered these the easy way. He stated the purpose of His coming in the following passage:

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10. The world was hopelessly lost in sin, and there was no way to redeem it only by Jesus coming into the world and paying the penalty for sin by dying on the cross. Men had disobeyed God. Their sin had to be punished. Someone had to pay the penalty. God had exhausted every other means of reconciling the world to Himself, and yet, it was lost. But Jesus came with an invitation that all who would come and accept Him would be released from suffering for their sins. Even in the early days of his ministry, He promised and gave full

pardon to those who came to Him and followed Him.

The greatest tragedy the world has ever known or will ever know lies in the fact that Christ was rejected, when He came into the world, by His own people. "He came to His own, and His own received Him not." After these more than nineteen centuries of His seeking to save men, we find teeming multitudes still rejecting His loving offer to bear the shame and penalty of their sins. How tragic! The Bible tells us that "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." The person who continues in sin can expect nothing but suffering and death. What are we receiving for our labor in sin? What has sin to promise us? Sin is labor, toil, work, worry. It brings to everyone suffering and finally death, eternal death. Think of what a burden it is to bear the load of sin and wickedness the devil has imposed on the world. But what can the devil give you for a life of sin? The Bible says death—"The wages of sin is death."

I can think of no more terrifying horrifying, detestable, soul-rending word than "Death." Eternal Death. And still the only way to escape it is to come to Christ, and let Him pay the penalty for your sins. Just as we are told that "the wages of sin is death," we are also assured of a remedy. In 1 John 1:9 we find this conditional way out of the clutches of sin and death. Conditional on our part. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The condition is "If we confess our sins," for Christ is faithful and just and will fulfill every promise. He said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." What a great promise to a person lost in sin and despair.

Lost is an awful word! To be lost is an awful condition! Can you realize what it means to be lost, lost in sin, facing death, with no hope? If you are in sin you are in that condition, and there is only one hope, only one way out—Christ is that way. "Jesus saith unto them, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." To a lost world He bids, "Come; for all things now are ready."

When I was a young man I became lost one dark night in a thick woods. I could not find my way out no matter how hard I tried. I had lost my sense of direction. I was going, but the wrong way. The more I walked the more hopelessly I became lost. I had no light to follow, no way to keep in the right direction. The only thing I could do was to wait for light. At long last it came. With the light of day I found my way and went home.

But for a world lost and rambling in the darkness of sin, with hope gone, Jesus came, a light, to show us the way to God and home. He said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." What a blessed promise! By accepting His invitation we are to receive the light of life. Life, Eternal Life! How different from the wages of sin! How different from death! Life to take the place of death! Life is what Jesus invites us to come and receive from Him. He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." "They" refers to all who come and accept Him. I am glad all may come. In Revelation 22:17 we find, "And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And

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EDITORIAL

It is almost time for the Auxiliary Conventions to begin holding their spring meetings. We have noticed that the different district directors are emphasizing their respective phases of work for this year.

AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS May the workers in these bodies stimulate interest in missions, education, superannuation, stewardship projects, and orphanage work. Every local church, with a live Ladies Aid society in it, represents a unit of active religious work of the denomination. With the proper co-operation of the local membership of the church with the Aid workers, new progress will be made this year by these auxiliary units. Let us hope that all local societies will work faithfully to advance these main departments of work during the year.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS EMPHASIZED —oOo— We are glad to see greater emphasis being laid by different writers in the various states concerning the educational program and missions. This is a great sign that, more and more, the people are taking to heart

great need of such work in the church. Greater stimulation and more developed the interest becomes throughout the denomination, easier it will be to establish a fine system of education for the church. This will be true of missions, home and foreign. Systematic giving for these phases of the work is very necessary, as well as for other worthy causes of the church. There is an old slogan: "Keep the wheels of industry turning until the goal is run." Let us consider that this thought might be well applied to the subjects of missions and education. Ministers and lay-workers must keep the talk of education and missions before the churches continuously as time

passes. Just as life is lived by moments, hours, days and years, just so the programs of missions and education for the church must be constantly kept alive through the years with the systematic giving of dimes, dollars, hundreds and thousands of dollars to build for God and eternity a great denomination. As God replenishes, year after year, man's storehouses on the farm and in the city with the good things of life, just so must man give back to Him from these storehouses his gifts freely in the way of means and money to the cause of righteousness. Happy is the man who shares with the Lord.

—oOo— When the first man Adam lost his first state, God commanded him to go work. By the sweat of his brow he was to earn his living. Since that day man has had to work. But, when one travels over the country, and observes some church buildings

"A MIND TO WORK" badly in need of repairs, he reasons that the membership of that church has not "the mind to work." That is, work to make their church look better. In Nehemiah's day, he interested the people to work on the torn down walls about Jerusalem. They went to work. They meant business for God. And they were recompensed for their labors. Ezra read the Book of the Law to them, and they gladly worshipped the Lord.

In some places in this county, we need some Nehemiahs in some of the run-down churches. Probably they could make the house of the Lord look more like religious services are still being continued in them. For the keen observer, there is a point of contrast to be seen between some of these church buildings and other country buildings. In fact, let us note just here, there are some farm buildings—as tobacco pack-houses

and stock-barns—which look better. Many of them are painted up and look better than some of the country church houses look in this country.

Let us think, some materials and paint, coupled with "a mind to work" on the part of the good brethren of the church would add greatly to the appearance, convenience and the spirit of worshipfulness of the people in God's house. It is the fact that some are lazy toward having a neat and pleasant place of worship on the Lord's Day, but are very industrious toward building up home and home surroundings. But may we resolve, as we work for self to make life more pleasant here, let us be willing to work for God's glory that we may rejoice more in that upper and better home.

Mind you, this picture is not true of some rural churches in this country. No, not at all. There are splendid buildings in some communities. One is glad to ride by and to make comment about this type of fine church edifices. There is something attractive about them. In fact, one feels a different spirit coming over him when he sees such fine church buildings from that which he feels when he is passing a poor, unattractive church building, one apparently abandoned and silent of spiritual worship on the Lord's Day. And the difference is—in the first case "the people had the mind to work," but in the other they had the mind to be lazy. God's house needs, at least, equal attention to its well-being and preservation as the nicely painted and well arranged tobacco pack-houses and the stock-barns.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Hypocrisy — Confession without possession is hypocrisy, or pretense when there is no reality. The first hypocrites that we have any record of as members of the church fell dead at the apostle's feet for pretending to give all when actually they had "kept back a part of the price."—Acts 5:1-10.

"The Third Commandment is violated by outwardly associating God's name with a hypocritical life. The greatest sin of men or angels is hypocrisy. Even now, Satan transforms himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Service without sacrifice, praise without adoration of heart, and prayer without practice is vanity and God's name has no place with such. The hardest words of Jesus were directed to those who made long prayers, but devoured widows houses; strained at a gnat, but swallowed a camel; cleansed the outside; but full of extortion and excess; outwardly beautiful, but full of dead men's bones; built the tombs of prophets, but stoned their successors." *R. E. Tripp*, in his *Church Bulletin*. So when we sum up Hypocrisy with all of its cursedness, according to the definition of Brother Tripp we can link it with profanity—taking "God's name in vain."—calling the name of God in a pretended worship.

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Can a Man Be Honest and Make a Living?—In a discussion with a man in whom I have had great confidence, concerning being honest, fair and accommodating to others—in general "doing unto others as you would be done by," I received this answer, "Preacher, I have done that until I am almost broken up." This man still has faith in God, in a measure, but very little in his fellowman. His argument is that "if you try to help the other fellow that you will lose because the world is full of parasites—deadbeats—dishonest—crooked—persons who are seeking to get all that they can for as little as they can."

These are facts that have to be reckoned with in the business and professional life—in fact in all honest vocations. The crook makes it hard for the honest man. The person who buys, and wilfully plans to beat in so doing makes it hard for the honest person, because the honest man must pay the deficit of the crook, or either all business men would have to go out of business. But the question is "Can a man be

honest and make a living?" I answer, "Yes, if his honesty is backed by the word of God, and his life founded as a child of God, through Jesus Christ." Because Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." I believe the word of Jesus Christ.

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The Honest Man Who Cannot Meet His Obligations—There are men who have obligations that they cannot meet. Perhaps when the person obligated himself he thought that he could meet the obligation. But some one failed him, therefore, he failed because the other man failed. At the bottom of the first failure there might have been dishonesty and the second failure was caused by the dishonesty of the first. However, often when a person fails to make his payments, he is considered dishonest, even though he is grieved by not being able to meet his obligations. But, for a man who can, and does not try, to pay his debts, and then gets out and professes to be a leader in the cause of Christ, as often many do, and then goes on beating every one with whom he deals, it is hurtful. I recently heard of a preacher (I use italics, because he is counted "Big") who had mis-represented facts in order to beat another. These things ought not to be. All right thinking people sympathize with any one who honestly falls down in meeting his obligations, but contempt and disgrace is heaped upon a professional dead-beat, whether, he be a preacher or a gambler.

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Cults—Cults are religious sects who believe things that the Bible does not teach. They "add to" in some instances and in others "take away" from the Book. But there is one thing to be considered by all orthodox religious bodies, and that is, that every one of these cults are everlastingly trying to get members into their organization. They come to your door with their literature. They will give it to you if you will not purchase. They mail it to you

(I get some regularly) in order to get it into your hands. Some followers are deceived—others are deceivers. They belong to the Devil and, through his power, they are "going up and down the earth seeking whom they may devour." They are vigilant for their cause. Thousands of Christians help them carry on. I stepped into a store where a good friend of mine does business, and he said, "Preacher come into the office" and I went, as bidden, and he said, "Here is a pile of books that I bought because that they were represented to be religious books by the woman selling them (but I cannot handle them, so you may have them." I recognized the work as soon as I saw it. This man was honest. He wanted good books. But he was sensible and got rid of their purchase. Thank God I know what to do with them. Brother if you have been tricked by some salesman, or saleslady into paying for such books, just build a little fire—if your furnace or heater is not going.

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"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron: Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which I believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving; For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:1-5). Do you know of any sect that forbids marriage to any of its members? Do you know of any sect that forbids the eating of meats? If you do they are the ones that Paul speaks of in the above Scripture.



Jesus, my God, thy blood alone
Hath power sufficient to atone;
Thy blood can make me white as
snow,
No Jewish types could cleanse me so.

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

*By W. E. Coville,
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Several months ago I ran notices in two consecutive issues of the Free Will Baptist to the effect that I would appreciate suggestions from our ministers and Sunday School workers relative to the establishment of a Standard for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

I had hoped and sincerely believed that suggestions would come pouring in from workers in all sections of the country in which we have Free Will Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools. In my imagination I could see the postman leaving numbers of letters in the mail box each day. These letters would be full of good suggestions. The associate members of the National Sunday School Board would present their ideas from a national viewpoint. The ministers would suggest improvements that they, as pastors, have seen the need of for many years. District Convention officers, because of years of experience as convention executives, would have a wealth of knowledge to present. Of course, I had hoped to hear from great numbers of superintendents and other officers as well as teachers. My hopes were high. I was anxious to receive and compile all of the many suggestions, plans, views, theories, and what have you. I had hoped that, from all this data, a Standard for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools would be created.

Now, that you know what I had hoped for, what do you think the results were? You can answer this question, and correctly, by asking yourself the question, "What did I do?" One person, Mr. L. E. Duncan of Tupelo, Mississippi, would answer the question by saying, "I sent in a letter offering suggestions." Mr. Duncan's answer to his

question would be correct. Your answer, "I did nothing," would also be the correct answer to your question.

You know how things go and how people are and so do I. We know that when the time comes for the National Sunday School Board to make its report to the National Association it had better have a good report. If we have no report, many will whisper, "Let's elect a board that will do something." Unless you are very careful, you, who should have helped, may be among those who whisper.

Surely, all who have studied in our Sunday Schools realize the need of some sort of standardization. Some system that will unify our efforts. Some plan of organization under which we may all labor together. We feel that our schools need to be lifted from the state of "going nowhere in a hurry" to a new vision. A vision of construction, of expansion, of efficiency. A vision that will make us forget that our Sunday School service is just a part of our church program and for that reason must be endured.

With such a vision firmly fixed in my mind, and after months and years of thought, study, and research, I humbly submit, herewith, for your consideration.

A STANDARD F. W. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Section 1

LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

1.

Church Control

The Sunday School is the teaching department of the church. The church shall elect all officers and teachers; the school shall make written monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury.

2.

Soul Salvation

The pastor, superintendent, and

every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Teachers shall feel and realize that their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ. The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly.

3.

Free Will Baptist Literature

The Sunday School shall use Free Will Baptist literature throughout. If the school finds that the F. W. B. literature does not meet every need, the matter should be referred to the Chairman of Literature of the National S. S. Board.

4.

Records and Reports

The standard school shall use the Six Point Record System. Reports shall be made on report blanks provided by the Chairman of Records and Reports of the National S. S. Board.

5.

Enrollment and Grading

The enrollment of the school shall equal at least eighty (80) per cent of the resident church membership exclusive of the Cradle Roll and Extension Department.

The school shall be graded as follows: Cradle Roll, birth to 3 years; Beginners, 4-5 years; Primaries, 6-8 years; Juniors, 9-12 years; Intermediates, 13-16 years; Young People, 17-24 years; Adults, 25 years and over.

Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors shall have separate quarters. This may be done by use of walls, portable screens or curtains. At least fifty (50) per cent of the remaining classes or departments shall have class rooms provided in the same manner as for the Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors.

6.

Use of Bibles

Eighty (80) per cent of pupils,

teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primary class or department, shall use their Bibles in the school.

7.

Preaching Attendance

Eighty (80) per cent of the pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primaries, shall attend the preaching service.

8.

Officers and Teachers

All officers and teachers shall be Christians whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach.

The school shall maintain a monthly officers and teachers meeting attended by at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers shall hold S. S. T. I. diplomas for having completed the course of at least one Teachers and Officers Training Institute during the year.

The school shall conduct or attend at least one Teachers and Officers Training Institute each year.

9.

Denominational Enterprises

The Standard School shall actively promote and support the following Free Will Baptist denominational works: Missions, Home and Foreign; Education; and benevolent projects. The school shall carry on this work in keeping with the program as arranged by the Chairman of Denominational Enterprises of the National Sunday School Board and shall as a school contribute each year to these worthy causes.

Section 2

ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1.

District Affiliation

The school shall be a member in

good standing in its District Sunday School Convention.

2.

State Affiliation

The school, through its District Convention, shall be a composite part of the State Sunday School Convention. If there is no District or State Convention in which the standard school may place its membership, it should co-operate with the Chairman of Organization of the National Sunday School Board in an effort to organize a District and State Convention.

National Affiliation

3.

The school, through its District and State Convention, shall be actively engaged in the work of the National Sunday School Convention.

The school shall support the program of work as outlined by the National School Board.

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When a school has attained all the points above in both Section 1 and Section 2, it shall be recognized as a Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School and shall be privileged to have on display a banner awarded the Standard Sunday School.

The End

The attainment of this Standard is not intended nor should it be considered to be a goal within itself, but it is intended and it should be considered as a means of reaching the goal—namely, a more effective plan for teaching God's word to greater numbers and a more efficient way of leading lost souls to Jesus Christ.

I will forgive you for your past apparent lack of interest in the work of your Sunday School Board if you will carefully and prayerfully study the proposed Standard and make some contribution to it. I would like to hear from you.

We cannot legally adopt this or any other standard until it has been approved by our National Associa-

tion, but we can be thinking and praying and studying so that we may give it our intelligent consideration when it is presented at the next National Meeting.

Words of Praise

Mrs. Henry Coltrain

Princeton, N. C.

I desire to sound a word of praise for my loving Saviour. He has wonderfully blessed me that I cannot find words to express my joy. From early childhood I have desired to work for the Lord, and I can say that I love him best of all. Even though my life work may not shine so brightly, I am very glad He knows the deep things of the heart.

It grieves me to see so many people so unconcerned about their souls. In Luke's Gospel 13:34 Christ said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" Life is short and we can pass this way but once, and we should work while it is yet day.

To those who are in distress or sorrow of any kind, please read 2 Corinthians 12:10, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." It is difficult at times to believe in the mercy and goodness of God. But when these things come upon us, we are to seek the Lord in prayer. Oftentimes our best opportunities are thrust aside because they come in unattractive dress.

We should not expect to sail into heaven on flowery beds of ease. The following verses of a song which I learned when I was a little girl, (said to be the dying words of President McKinley), have been a great inspiration to me:

"Though all around on every hand,

Are things we do not understand;
This tho should comfort every one,
It's God's way—His will be done.

The rose may die, the blossom fade,
Yet we may still be undismayed;
And say those tears, their courses
run,
It's God's way—His will be done.

If here on earth, the cross we bear,
'Twill but enhance our riches
there;
So we will say 'till heaven is won,
It is God's way—His will be done.

Christ is 'ever ready to help those who will put their trust in Him. In Proverbs 3:6, we read, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." In God's Word we have many promises of divine guidance. If since He guides, we shall not falter nor fail, for being conscious that He is guiding us, we are to follow in His straight way. We will not stray if we will follow His leading. Crushing blows of defeat and bitter disappointment have their compensating values, nevertheless for us. When we remember that God can bless us, those who are subdued and are yielded to His will.

In Psalm 51:17, we are told the sacrifices that are pleasing to God. "The sacrifices are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." When our spirits and hearts are broken, the whole being is more submissive to God. God's purpose is not to make life easy and comfortable, but profitable. Jesus often retreated to the mountains, or secret places to commune with God in prayer. We must follow Him. If we do, then some day we will be permitted to see His face.

I wish to leave one more thought: when I was a child an old darkey worked with my father. He was very religious. His singing one song struck me more than all the others.

In part it was: "Take your troubles to the Lord and leave them there. . ."

Announcement

It seems pertinent that I make an announcement regarding the scholarships for the fall term of the Chicago Conservatory of Music. I am expected, as usual, to select ten students from the entire list and present them to the board. There will be twenty altogether, and then we will, at the final board meeting in the spring, go through the list and decide on the final ten. Last year, eight of the final ten students accepted were from the list that I submitted. We have already been receiving applications rather fast; in fact, much faster than any previous year. I am naturally concerned about our own boys and girls in the South, and would like to have as many in my department next year as possible.

This year, our boys and girls have learned to love the Lord, and have really come close to Him since being here with us. The Chicago Conservatory of Music is not a religious school, but it is the largest, oldest and finest school of music in this country. For the first time since it has been a school (in so far as we know), we have a religious class. It was planned for the benefit of those who come from the South—especially those who come from our Free Will Baptist Churches. I do so much hope that they will go back South and find a great work there to do, and that they will be capable of doing it.

This religious class affords a rich experience with the Lord and His great work. Each member has frequent opportunity to speak, to lead in the song service, to conduct the prayer period, and to lead the responsive reading, during the course of a term. In fact, each one becomes familiar with all of the parts of a church service so that he or she will not be embarrassed should he be called on for any part of a religious service when he goes back home. It is a fine group, and we have really had some happy hours with our Lord in that class this year.

As you no doubt know, I have, since attaining my Degree as Doctor

of Music, had the privilege of attending the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, thereby making it easy to introduce religion or religious activity in my department at the Conservatory. Many of the students attend church where I am Director of the Ministry of Music and am in charge of the Senior Choir, Male Chorus, and Quartet. We frequently have guest speakers from the the Moody Institute and from The Northern Baptist Seminary, as well, as other places where the Bible and religion are held with highest esteem in the life of each individual.

There were twelve Southern students altogether this year, in my own classes; and, since I am from North Carolina, we are just like a big happy family. There are, I believe, about eight students from North Carolina.

Many of the students have to work in order to stay in the city. Most of the boys are self-supporting, and many of the girls work part time and still have time to go to school.

Should anyone be interested in securing a scholarship to begin with the fall term, it would be to his advantage to get his application in as soon as possible, as there are already quite a few applications from which we are to select. All applicants must be High School graduates at least by June of this year. They are required to send, along with a recent photograph of themselves, the names and addresses of three references. Besides this, they must, without fail, have their pastor send a personal letter of recommendation. Each one must state his major purpose for attending the Conservatory; must give a record of college credits (if any), and give the name and address of the college where these credits were acquired.

If you care to keep up with the activities of the students from the South, you could subscribe to the Tune Time Magazine which is edited by those students. The magazine itself is part of their activity. Tune Time is published monthly at the fixed price of one dollar per year. In it you will get to know a great

number of the students, since they will have their pictures printed from time to time. Then, too, they will frequently prepare articles of interest regarding their work in the school. Please write for your complimentary copy.

Don't forget to send in your application for a scholarship just as soon as possible. Be sure to get yours in early so you may have the advantage of an early consideration.

Yours in the service of the Master,
Leonard Earl Harris

Religion and Patriotism

By MARSHALL WINGFIELD,
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Faced with a question as to the propriety of paying taxes to Caesar, Jesus answered, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." St. Matthew 22:21). So far as Christianity is concerned, this answer must forever define the proper relationship between Church and State. This definition recognizes the civic responsibility of church people. Jesus is saying that it is an error for religious people to take the attitude that politics will soil the soul. Government stands for that order without which society cannot hold together. The people who came to Jesus with the matter of paying taxes to Caesar felt toward the ruler as all subjugated people have felt toward their rulers. Yet the answer of Jesus implies that Caesar, though hated, provided a certain amount of security. The whole community receives something from government, hence all must share in supporting it. No man has a right to order his life apart, taking the position of the questioners of Jesus, that taxes may be optional.

Church people who fail to acknowledge their obligation to government invalidate their religion. If people who try to order their lives before God withdraw from civil affairs, then they have no right to complain when government is dominated by bad men. A decent govern-

ment is not likely to prevail without the ungirding of religion. Men may be noble in their private relations, but unless they let that nobility take hold of civil affairs, government is doomed. No man can be truly humane who is not concerned with that which affects the well-being of so many of his fellows. Participation in political matters may harden the hard and belittle the small, but it will not so affect the man who wants to see the spirit of God permeate the affairs of Caesar. Society has no subtler foe than the churchman whose other worldliness so absorbs him that he has no time for the affairs of this world. Religion should be a social as well as a personal concern.

But to render unto Caesar his things does not hinder one from rendering unto God that which is His—unless Caesar becomes a totalitarian. In that case, the Christian must oppose Caesar. Conscience is one of the things that does not belong to Caesar. If he requires the subordination of it to the State, he must be reminded that the highest tribunal under heaven is not his. The price of soul liberty may become dear in a totalitarian state, but no price is too high to pay. When Caesar demands the surrender of conscience to the state, religious people must answer, as they did of old, "We must obey God rather than men."—*In Supreme Council.*

The Need of Education

By Clyde C. Flannery
Dunham, Kentucky

I was impressed last week when I read the article written by Mrs. J. E. Frazier on education. It made me realize more than ever before the need of a Free Will Baptist school, where our people can learn more about God's word. I am now preparing my application papers to Berea College for I want to be able to meet all the various classes of people.

I have always longed to see our denomination realize that they will never succeed unless they are pre-

pared to meet the world and uphold the doctrine of Jesus Christ. If it were possible that I could attend a college where the Free Will Baptist doctrine is taught instead of that of some other denomination, I am sure it would prepare me to meet the snares of Satan better than any other thing.

People of other denominations have asked me to work with them and that they would assure me a college education. I have often wondered what is the matter with the Free Will Baptist that they have not made as much progress as other denominations. What do our people expect of the youth of today when they are not willing to put their money into some educational fund where it can be used to educate them for the work of tomorrow?

I love the Baptist people and want to see them go forward, but they never will unless they are willing to die for the cause of Christ. When we hold our money in our pockets and say that we are afraid of "hard times," we will never get a blessing from God. How true the words are, "the love of money is the root of all evil," when we stop to realize what progress our wonderful denomination could have achieved if its people had only put their money to the right purpose. I think I can speak for all the Free Will Baptist boys and girls in this country when I say that we will have a struggle to keep the doctrine going in the future if we receive no help from the adults of today.

I, as a young minister, am doing my best to awaken our people to the realization of God's word that people must be taught the doctrine if they are made to believe it. Although our quarterly conference doesn't belong to the National Association, yet we are all Free Will Baptists and should stick together if we expect to accomplish anything in the future.

I want all the Christians to pray for me, for I am a minister only 19 years old and have been working for Christ for about 6 years. I am determined to die working for Him and for the upbuilding of our wonderful denomination.

Christ's Invitation to a Lost World

(Continued from page three)

let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." This invitation is complete. It is universal in its appeal. It is extended to "whosoever will." The young and the old, the rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant—all may come. Those who refuse the invitation are the only ones who are kept out. All are invited to come now. There is no need to run the risk of delaying until a better time. There is no other time with God. Now is His time. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." There may not be a tomorrow for some of you. Don't delay. "Behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."

"Come now, and let us reason together," saith the Lord; "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." No one has gone so deeply into sin but that God can and will redeem him. He says, "Come now and let us reason together" about your sins. God hates sin, but He loves your soul and wants to save it. Won't you let Him save you now? Won't you get on your knees and repent of sin, and accept Christ now as your Saviour? Right now. God help you and bless you.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.—Isaiah 50:10.

*Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a shining face.*

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Job 13:15.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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Report of National Superannuation Treasurer

I am offering an apology for being late with this report, but due to the fact so many were late sending in their contributions I waited until I had a few days to pass without receiving an offering before I sent the report to the press.

Thanks to every contributor to the success of the December 3rd Birth-day Celebration.

If I have failed to recognize or report any contribution, please let me hear from you. You will note that so far I have not received a report of Celebration Link Nos. 8, 9, and 12. I still hope to hear from them and many others.

If, when you have looked over the report, and do not find that your church has responded, please urge it to do so. I am sorry I did not have all the names of the ministers to report. But will certainly recognize them in an article that will soon follow this report.

You may determine the promptness of the contributors by their link number.

Thanks again to those who have already co-operated in this Campaign.

Link	Church, Auxiliary.	By Whom, State	Amount
1	Pearshall's Chapel, Adult, Intermediate League, Elizabeth Vernon, (N. C.)	-----	\$ 3.00
2	Surginsville, F. W. B. L., Viranda Smith, (Tenn.)	-----	1.21
3	Park View, F. W. B. L., Velma Matthew, Mo.)	-----	4.00
4	East Nashville, F. W. B. L., Lula Belle Fox, (Tenn.)	-----	12.80
5	Wilson, Five Points F. W. B. L., Irene Lewis, (N. C.)	-----	2.53
6	New Sandy Hill, F. W. B. L., Mary Bunn, (N. C.)	-----	3.60
7	Springfield, F. W. B. L., Mr. Fred Lamb, (Ala.)	-----	3.50
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10	Sound Side, Rose Bowen Intermediate League, Almeda Armstrong, (N. C.)	-----	2.06
11	Flat River, F. W. B. L., Martha Burcham (Mo.)	-----	14.75
12			
13	Sound Side, Senior F. W. B. L., Neva Brickhouse, (N. C.)	-----	5.00
14	Lacky, 3 Friends, Mrs. A. L. Prater, (Ky.)	-----	1.00
15	Sound Side, Adult W. F. W. B. L., Mrs. Jack Cooper (N. C.)	-----	4.37
16	Rock Spring, F. W. B. L., Jewell Sutton (Tenn.)	-----	4.00
17	Union View, F. W. B. L., Samuel Hoggood, (N. C.)	-----	6.00
18	St. Mary's, Senior F. W. B. L., Eleanor Mercer, (N. C.)	-----	5.00
19	Mt. Grove, F. W. B. L., Mrs. Katy Conrow (Mo.)	-----	3.00
20	Bryan, F. W. B. L., Mrs. R. C. Cloud, (Texas)	-----	8.75
21	Pleasant Plains, Sunday School, Mr. M. V. Avery, (N. C.)	-----	3.86
22	Providence, F. W. B. L., Ruby Skyles, (Mo.)	-----	1.25
23	North Zulch, F. W. B. L., Juanita Manning, (Texas)	-----	3.41
24	Free Union, Adult F. W. B. L., Mrs. B. M. Ratcliff (N. C.)	-----	2.14
25	Macedonia, Adult F. W. B. L., Mrs. C. L. Gault, (N. C.)	-----	.58
26	Hickory Grove F. W. B. L. Mr. A. D. Ivey, (Fla.)	-----	7.35
27	Independence, F. W. B. L., Mrs. John E. Baugh, (Mo.)	-----	3.55
28	St. Delight, F. W. B. L., Mrs. J. W. Stillel (N. C.)	-----	2.77
29	Edgemont, Clarence Bowen Senior League, Mr. D. G. Baldwin (N. C.)	-----	5.25
30	Glennville, F. W. B. L., Mr. E. C. Davidson, (Ga.)	-----	8.00
31	Bridgeton, F. W. B. L., Mrs. Sedic Boyd, (N. C.)	-----	7.50
32	Prospect, F. W. B. L., Bertha Parker (N. C.)	-----	2.40

33	Pilgrims Rest, F. W. B. L., Mrs. Gladys Lupton (N. C.)	1.15
34	Core Creek, F. W. B. L., Mrs. Richard Heath, (N. C.)	4.40
35	Alice Brooks, Junior F. W. B. L., Eileen Piggs (Ark.)	6.90
36	Elizabethton, F. W. B. L., Robert R. Winters, (Tenn.)	10.00
37	Hickory Chapel, F. W. B. L. Charlie Dilday, (N. C.)	5.75
38	Pearce Chapel, Church, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	5.32
39	Pearce Chapel, F. W. B. L., Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	3.71
40	Pearce Chapel, Sunday School, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	5.00
41	Columbus, Church and League, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	10.00
42	Fawn Grove, Church, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	3.10
43	East Tupelo, Church and League, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	2.10
44	Prieville, Church, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	2.15
45	Gauley, Church, Mr. L. E. Duncan, (Miss.)	1.00
46	Lake Butler, F. W. B. L., Jeanette Brown, (Fla.)	3.54
47	Hannon, F. W. B. L., Zola Truskett, (Mo.)	6.00
48	Martin Chapel, F. W. B. L., Virginia Anders, (Tenn.)	1.20
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Total Amount received from December 3rd Celebration		\$317.88
Interest		1.87
Total		\$319.75
Amount in treasury December 1, 1938		\$201.25
Total amount now in treasury		\$521.00

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Treasurer

The Annual Aid Report of Sandy Plain Church

Our Ladies Aid Society meets once a month at the home of different members. Our report for the year is as follows:

No. of members	14
No. average attendance	8
New members	1
Sick visits	329

Trays, flowers, fruit for sick	119
Hospital calls	31
Chapters read in Bible	1725
Dues	\$59.77
Money raised in other ways	\$156.11

Total \$215.88

Disbursements

Paid on church debt	\$114.61
Purchased benches, paint,	

mops for church	\$93.01
Paid to Pastor, communion, and Books	\$7.83
Total	\$215.45
Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Pres.,	
Mrs. William Thigpen, Secy.	

Urgent Notice

I am asking the president of all the Ladies Aids within the bounds of the Eastern District of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention please to send me, as early as possible, the number of deceased members in your society since March, 1939, so we can arrange the memorial service.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Maggie Willis,
Davis, North Carolina

The Gum Neck Aid Report

The Aid Society of Gum Neck F.

W. B. Church held its meeting on Tuesday evening December 12 at the church. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Clara Parrisher. "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" were sung by all. Scripture reading was Matthew 1:20-25 by Minnie Everton. The subject "The Birth of Christ" was discussed. Prayer by Mrs. Carrie Weatherly. Benediction by Mrs. Kizzie Sawyer.

During the business period the following officers were elected for 1940:

Mrs. Amanda Parrisher, president; Mrs. Carrie Weatherly, vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Everton, Secretary; Mrs. Mertie Everton, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Addie Swindell, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Allen Jones, Treasurer.

The Year's Work for 1939

Flowers carried to the sick, 109; trays 94; visits paid to the sick, 269; quarts of milk 24; Bible lessons read this year, 1,336; pounds given to the needy families, \$14.76; and collection for the year \$53.90.

Disbursements

Paid on education college, \$2.25; paid out to retired preachers \$8.00; sent to foreign missions, \$4.00; making total paid out in 1939, \$55.81; leaves in treasury to be carried over in 1940, \$10.02.

We have in treasury on the church building fund, \$132.52.

Mrs. Kizzie Sawyer,
Corresponding Secretary

Notice

Wake up, light up, directors of the Eastern District and send me your reports of what you sent to the Orphanage, as the time for our convention is drawing near. I want a good report to let them know we are still on the firing line for our Orphanage. I am depending on you. Don't disappoint me. If your aid has not adopted a child from the Orphanage to clothe, do so right away as we love to report every aid in the Eastern District as having one.

Hoping to see you at the Convention at Beulaville, North Carolina, March 21, 1940.

Yours in the work,
Mrs. J. W. Overman,
222 Rhems Avenue,
New Bern, North Carolina

Stewardship Contest

I sincerely hope many of our local auxiliaries will enter contestants in your District Auxiliary Convention contests. Since we have had no contributions for our proposed book of Stewardship readings, poems, etc. it will be necessary for you to secure your readings from your local library, newspapers, magazines or self-written material. This will call for a little more initiative on the part of the local auxiliaries, but we will have a wider range of material by so doing.

No reading may be over 5 minutes duration. The age limit for Juniors is from 9-12, for Intermediates 13-16. Be positive of the age of the contestant and state the age on the contestants entry at your District,

State and National Convention. Hold your local elimination contest in either February or March prior to your District Convention and send the winner to that District. Further information as to points of judging may be secured from each District Stewardship Director.

I trust most of you have secured the new book "Old Pictures in Modern Frames" by J. T. Riddick and that you have received a blessing for having studied this splendid work. Be sure to report the number of study classes held in Stewardship to your District Director.

Georgie Frost Barnes,
National Vice President

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you.—John 15:9.

O for grace our hearts to soften.

Teach us, Lord, at length to love;

We, alas, forget too often

What a Friend we have above;

But when home our souls are brought

We will love thee as we ought.

St. Claire Bible Class
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Zaleski, Ohio

Stewards in the Kingdom

(Lesson for February 25)

Lesson: Matthew 25:14-27.

Golden Text Illuminated: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21).

A rescue missionary was lecturing where he was unaccustomed to speak. He said that every Christian, however poor or busy, could do personal work for Christ, if willing. After the lecture a woman said: "What can I do? I am a poor widow with five children to support. How can I find time to go to anyone about Christ?" "Does the milkman call at your house?" "Of course." "Does the baker?" "Yes."

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"Does the butcher?" "Yes," was the curt reply, and the woman turned away. Two years after, the man of God spoke in the same place. After the service a woman said, "I am the person who was vexed with you when you asked whether the milkman and baker visited me. But I went home to pray. God showed me my duty. Through my humble efforts five persons have been led to the Saviour, and they are all consistent working members of the church."—*Home Study Quarterly*.

"One Saturday night a cotton-mill laborer, whom I knew, was paying his grocery bill. It made a big hole in his pay envelope. Handing back the small change due, the grocer said, 'Well, you have that much left to put in the collection tomorrow.' 'Don't you worry about that,' replied the laborer, 'I took the Lord's part out first.' He was just an unlettered man, but he had learned the great lesson of stewardship." (*Sunday School Times*).

1. Practical Lessons

1. This lesson centers around the thought of stewardship. The chief quality required in a steward is faithfulness (1 Corinthians 4: 2), and this implies honesty, industry, loyalty. These characteristics are seen in the two servants who put their time to such good use that they doubled the capital intrusted to them. Every believer is expected to be concerned for his Lord's interests, for the extension of His Kingdom and the glory of His Name (Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 6:20.—A. H.

2. God in grace has, through the Spirit, given a diversity of gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). To each believer is intrusted some gift to be exercised for the glory of God, and we must not neglect the gift of God (1 Tim. 4:14). How many men and women there are today who once were greatly blessed in the service of God and who were richly endowed of the Holy Spirit, but who are now neglecting to use their spiritual endowments? We think of preachers used of the Spirit to lead many

into the Kingdom, who have ceased to exercise their God-given powers and to-day they are living selfish, useless lives. After having preached to others, they themselves have become castaways (1 Corinthians 9: 27). Spiritual endowments, unless used, are taken from us, but if used and developed we may still be fruitful in old age. Do we not know of men with a passion for souls, who at man's allotted span and even beyond it are still preaching with power and leading souls into the kingdom? Many men with five talents have neglected in their later years to trade with them. It is a great thing when, whatever our spiritual endowments, we go on trading for souls, like John Wesley, to the very end. At 87 he wrote "I am now an old man, decayed from head to foot. My eyes are dim. . . I have a lingering fever almost every day. However, blessed be God, I do not slack my labor: I can still preach and write."

If there is no opportunity to preach, we can hand out a silent message in the form of a tract. In many schools there is a dearth of consecrated teachers. Opportunities abound on every side for the man who really loves God and his fellows. God never set any man in any part of His universe without setting some opportunity of service at his side.

3. There are two surprises which await us when the Lord returns to make His reckoning with His servants. (1) The place of honor given to plain, simple men and women who put heart, mind and soul into their humble service, even as Dorcas (Acts 9:36). (2) The open and tragic shame of multitudes of self-centered respectable believers who buried their talents in service which in no way honored God, or in a life of ease and comfort. In the spiritual world, the path of ease and safety is the path of peril.—R. C.

4. Guy L. Morrill tells of a Sunday School class of boys, who for a number of weeks had studied stew-

ardship. As they came to the end of their study of this subject, their teacher asked them to write out what they thought stewardship meant. One boy wrote this: "Stewardship means that life is a great ship, loaded with a rich cargo of many things to be delivered to many peoples in many places. God is the owner, but I am the captain of the ship." How do you think of yourself? As owner or as captain of the things you possess? Are you delivering the goods?—*Forward*.

5. What To Do with This Talent?

There are men who pride themselves on their candor, and it degenerates into brutality. One such man said to John Wesley once, "Mr. Wesley, I pride myself on speaking my mind; that is my talent." "Well," said John Wesley, the Lord wouldn't mind if you buried that!"—*Dr. Griffith Thomas*.

6. "Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my
days,
Let them flow in ceaseless
praise.

"Take my hands, and let them
move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

"Take my will, and make it
Thine:
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is Thine
own,
It shall be Thy royal throne."

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Psalm 31: 24.

*Ye humble souls, in every strait,
On God with sacred courage wait;
His hand will lift and strength
afford,
O ever wait upon the Lord.*

Be not afraid, only believe.—Mark 5:36.

Boys and Girls Corner

New Year's Day in the Woods

"Do I look nice?" asked the Rabbit, addressing his friend the Chipmunk.

"Very nice," said the Chipmunk. "that is for a person who has no tail to speak of. But of course, you can't help that."

The Rabbit looked into the looking glass pond and saw his little white bob of a tail. "Don't you want to lend me yours just this once?" he asked. "I would take great care of it."

"No, I cannot do that," said the Chipmunk, "but I can lend you the tail of my late uncle. It is such a fine one that we have kept it to brush out the nest with."

"The very thing!" said the Rabbit.

So the Chipmunk brought the tail of his late uncle and tied it on the Rabbit's stub.

"How does it look?" asked the Rabbit.

"Fine," said the Chipmunk. "Now tell me how I look."

"Well enough," said the Rabbit. "Of course you would look better if you had long ears."

"Dear me!" said the Chipmunk, and he looked into the looking glass pond. "Haven't you a pair that you could lend me?"

"Why, yes," said the Rabbit. "There's a pair that belonged to my grandfather hanging on the wall at home. I will get those."

So the Rabbit got the ears and tied them on the Chipmunk's head.

"How do I look now?" asked the Chipmunk.

"Now let us go and make our New

Year's calls. Where shall we go first?"

"I wish to call on Miss Woodchuck," said the Chimunk.

"So do I," said the Rabbit. "We will go there first." And off they went.

"Splendid," said the Rabbit. They came to Miss Woodchuck's door and knocked and she opened

the door. "Mercy!" she cried. "Who are you, and what do you want?"

"We are Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Chipmunk," said the two friends, "and we have come to make you a New Year's call."

"More likely you have come to steal the nuts!" said the lady angrily. "I know Mr. Rabbit and Mr.

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Chipmunk well, and neither of you is either of them. Who ever heard of a long-tailed rabbit or a long-eared Chipmunk? Get along with you! You are frights and probably thieves as well." And she shut the door in their faces.

The two friends walked a little way in silence; then they stopped and looked at each other.

"You said I looked fine," said the Rabbit.

"I—I meant the tail," said the Chipmunk. "It is a fine tail. But you said I looked splendid."

"I was thinking of the ears," said the Rabbit. "They're splendid ears."

They walked on until they came once more to the looking glass pond. They looked at themselves; then they looked at each other; then all in a minute off came the long ears and tail.

"There!" cried the Chipmunk. "Now we look as we were meant to look, and I am bound to say, Rabbit, that is much more becoming to you."

"So it is to you," replied the Rabbit. "Now shall we call on Miss Woodchuck again?"

"Come on," said the Chipmunk.

So they went to Miss Woodchuck's door and knocked once more at the door, and Miss Woodchuck opened it.

"Oh!" she cried, "Mr. Chipmunk and Mr. Rabbit, how do you do? I am glad to see you. A happy New Year to you both!"

"The same to you ma'am," said the Rabbit and Chipmunk.—*John Strong, in Evangelical Messenger.*

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.—Matthew 5:7.

*Blest are the men whose feelings move,
And melt with sympathy and love;
From Christ the Lord shall they obtain
Like sympathy and love again,*

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God also in Christ hath forgiven you.—Ephesians 4:32.

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Crowning Christ in the Homeland

By MRS. J. E. FRAZIER, 1st V.-Pres., Nat'l Women's Aux., Nashville, Tenn.

The following questions have been asked over and over by many of our people. "What are you trying to do? Why so many churches with all these organizations, publications, institutions, boards, and committees? Why all this talk about education, enlistment, benevolences, stewardship, missions, superannuation?"

The answer is that the Free Will Baptists—that is some of them—I would that I could say all of them take seriously, believe in Him fully and consider Him the one and only, but all sufficient Saviour of men, of society and nations and a lost world. For this reason they meet, they plan, they pray, and they work to make Christ known and loved, and His way tried and His will done. To put it briefly, they wish to crown Christ. The Free Will Baptists, at least, believe that Christ should be crowned in every land, but their major message is crowning Him in the homeland.

Now, just what is meant by crowning Christ? First of all it means the acknowledgement of His supreme authority: His Word, His example, His Spirit—all constitute for us our supreme authority. Second, it means the acceptance of His way and the doing of His will. Christ had a way of thinking, loving, serving, and dying. He went about doing good; He preached; He taught and He healed. He put himself in the other's place. His way was and is quite different from the ways of the world. Crowning Christ means denying one's self, taking up the cross, and following Him. It alone means thorough consecration, obedience, and loyal co-operation in promoting His kingdom here among men.

But maybe you are asking why is crowning Christ in the homeland the major message of the Free Will

Baptist Church? Why put the homeland first? Because Christ put it first. He came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He told the twelve not to go to the cities and towns of Samaria. Later He did send the seventy among the Samaritan villages, but He gave His first attention to His own land. It was after Israel had rejected her king that Jesus turned to others. He sought first to win His own homeland. His command to the Free Will Baptists today is "even so do ye." "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47). Then, too, it is necessary to begin with the homeland. One must begin where one lives. If you cannot or will not serve where you are and among those whom you know, how can you serve in a foreign land among the strangers? One-third of the population of the United States is foreign born, or of foreign parentage. There are over 108 different languages spoken in the United States. There are sections in many of our larger cities in which the English language is scarcely ever heard. During the past eleven years, 100,000 foreigners left the Southern and Western States to go back to their native lands. If we had evangelized these foreigners, we Free Will Baptists would have today in foreign lands missionaries. Too, evangelizing them here would be much cheaper than sending missionaries across the ocean to them. The best plan is to win them here in the homeland. If we do not try to win the cook and the hired negro in our own home, why talk of being interested in sending missionaries to Africa. If you care nothing for the Chinaman across the street, how can you hope to reach the ones across the sea?

In the southwestern metropolis of the United States, San Antonio, Texas, which has a Mexican population of 125,000 a recent survey showed that 54 per cent of the children enrolled in public schools are of Latin-American descent. Does this not present a great opportunity? Mexican and Spanish people in the Southwest total around a million, one-tenth of whom are massed in this one city. Is not this a great mission field for Free Will Baptists right here in the homeland? I am thinking now, as I thought during a visit last summer, that here along the Mexican border is a fine field for mission work. The best test of one's foreign mission work is reaching the man near by. America will never be able to win the world to Christ unless America is herself won.

Of the 300,000 Indians in the United States, more than 200,000 live in the territory of Free Will Baptists. They are our responsibility. We sent a missionary to the Indians of South America. Should we not minister to these 200,000 first in the homeland? Do we Free Will Baptists have a missionary preaching the gospel to those 200,000 Indians in our midst?

Every foreigner that comes to America and later returns to his homeland is a missionary *for* or *against* our Christ and His cause. Oh, if they could be won to Christ while here, and would return to tell the glad story, how it would help in the winning of the world to Christ. The success or failure of Christianity in the world, depends upon crowning Christ in the homeland.

The article in the Baptist a few weeks ago by Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, entitled "The Mission of the Church," interested me, and I wish

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EDITORIAL

How easy it is in this day for a brother in the church to become offended. If things do not run according to his way of thinking, he is easily provoked, drops off from church attendance, or goes to some other church for worship for a time, until he wears off his pet feelings.

It might have been something the pastor said in his sermon which he did not approve, or some changes might have been made in the church choir. Perhaps, some of the members have suggested certain changes or improvements to be made in the interior of the church that ran counter to his notion about the matter. Some new plan of financing the church, possibly, interrupted his set ideas of church financing. Whatever the occasion, he did not approve of the change, and therefore eased out, at least for a time, from attending his church. His absence is noticed, of course, and some begin to inquire, What is the matter with brother so and so?

Well, people are sensitive, at the least, and some cannot help it it seems. But true worship comes from deeper impulses of the heart than mere sentiment. Outward and material things should not assume first place, whether they may be objections or approvals, over true worship to the Lord. Every Christian should be willing to forgive a little, agree a little, and be willing to forsake a little of some of their individual opinions about church affairs. What do you think about it?

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The Good Book has some fine teachings concerning love and union. The Lord knew these two principles of life are very necessary among sinful men at all times. Thus He made it plain that love and union are to be practiced among the brethren. There is strength in unity of purpose. More good can be ac-

complished where two or three, or more, will work together harmoniously. This principle is shown in business, in sports, in governmental affairs, and in some other things as well. Let us remember, it is, also, always needed in religious affairs.

The love for one's work harmonizes the impulses for good services, and results in good ends. The principle of love manifested in the lives of Christian workers produces happy results. Where there is love and unity exercised for the good of others, life becomes sweeter, and the work becomes a greater pleasure. Hence, the forces of religion are made stronger through the ties of love and unity, being strengthened by each other to effect greater results in the fields of Christian service.

As the branch cannot bear fruit except it abides in the vine, so the Christian is unable to do effective work for the Lord unless he abides in true relationship with Him. The child of God draws his source of spiritual strength from the true vine. His Christian service, well rendered, is the free exercise of this spiritual strength among the people with whom he labors. Greater the co-operation he can get from other religious workers, greater will be his usefulness in the church and the community. The light of the Gospel can shine further and penetrate more hearts through the exercise of the principles of love and union by those who seek to lead others in the pathway of God. When people are more fully possessed of these two principles of life, they become more and more concerned about, not only their own blessings, but also consider the good which they might be to others in drawing them to work for the Master.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Fool—"It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom" (Prov. 10: 23). "The fool in Scripture is never a mentally deficient person, but rather one arrogant and self-sufficient; one who orders his life as if there were no God."—*Scotfield*. The farmer in Luke 12:16-20 was not an idiot; but God said that he was a "fool." Perhaps, if he were living today, he might be counted among our great agriculturists. He might be at the head of some Farm Bureau, or the editor of some farm paper, but nevertheless he was a fool because he left God out of his farming and the distribution of his income.

Righteous Authority—"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2). There is not much real rejoicing in the world today. Righteous rulers are few. Jesus Christ gave us a rule that is called the "Golden Rule." If men would abide by it this world would be a place of rejoicing. If we could only get law-makers and men at the head of the governments of the earth who would accept Christ, our problems would be solved. Our homes would be places where happiness would abound.

The Rule of the Wicked—"When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Proverbs 29:2). There is mourning all over the world today. Communist Stalin, a heartless infidel, is a man with a brute mind, and a disgrace to civilization. Hitler with his blood thirsty aggressive, dominating racial hatred; together, with all the godless and pleasure loving rulers of the world, is spending billions multiplied by billions of dollars for the destruction of human lives. Almost every civilized nation, we call them civilized but "brutalized" would be a better name, for seeking every scientific measure to destroy other

nations. Certainly it means that great "mourning" is just ahead. A time of trouble such as never was, nor never will be again is just around the corner. Read Luke 21: 25-28.

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Our Belief Does Not Change God's Word—"I do not believe in the endless punishment preached from the pulpit" or similar words were spoken to me some time ago. This man believes in a heaven but does not believe in a hell. But why should a man believe in one without believing in the other? The Bible says as much about Hell as it does about heaven. If there is a heaven for the righteous there certainly is a hell for the unrighteous. Listen to God as He speaks through His Son and His holy prophets: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46). They do not go together, according to Christ. "Everlasting" and "eternal" mean the same. If the "unrighteous" are not punished then the righteous are not blessed. If the punishment of the wicked is for a few moments and then ends, certainly the joy of the righteous is only for a few minutes. The duration of one is equal to the other.

"And the beast was taken" (the beast is a ruler) and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles with him . . . These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Rev. 19:20). And again we read, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:10). Notice that the "devil is cast in where the beast and false prophets are." The beast and false prophets have been in this lake for *one thousand years* and they are not "burned up" as Judge Rutherford would have you believe. Not only Rutherford but thousands of "No-hellites" or "brush-heap" hellites are so deceived as to preach what

the Bible does not teach. "And who soever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15). You had better believe the Bible instead of what Rutherford and his bunch of deceivers would have you believe. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore-mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

No your puny belief does not change God's word. Read again, "And with all deceivableness in them that perish; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Yes you can believe a lie and be damned. You had better take what God says rather than to believe what man teaches. Every Russellite in the world throws the lie into God's face every time they preach their doctrine. Judge Rutherford is a disciple of Russell.

Have Faith and Trust God

The Lord walked and talked with Enoch three hundred years. The angel visited Abraham and the angel led Lot out of Sodom. The Lord talked to Paul and Moses and why should He not talk to us today. He delivered Daniel of old from the lion's den, and saved three others from the fiery furnace. Why can't we have better fellowship with the Lord than we do today?

I will tell you why. Very few of the brethren trust Him in the spirit. Many preachers today do not believe in dreams and visions. Why? Because they don't have them—revelation from the Father. Why does not the good Lord tell you something in visions and dreams? It must be because you do not have the confidence in Him to reveal to you spir-

itual things in dreams and visions. Why did He tell Daniel? Because Daniel asked Him to reveal to him, to make known to him the king's dream. Have you asked the Lord to make known anything to you? Do you believe that the Lord will answer your prayers?

If you believe in prayer, why don't you believe the good Lord will make things known to you by visions and dreams? Some people have become more humble to the Lord because they have had sickness in their homes. They begin to pray more, and feel more dependent upon the Lord for His loving kindness. Did Daniel pray much? Yes, he did. He prayed three times daily to God.

I am telling you, brethren, there are a lot of us the lion would have eaten, and the fire would have burned. Why? Because we don't trust the Lord as we should. I believe the Lord will make things known to us if we will trust Him as Daniel did. The same God who took care of Abraham, Enoch, Moses, Daniel, Paul and John, will also take care of us if we will trust Him. They trusted God, and we must trust Him more. It is not He who is in the fault, but we are the ones who are in fault. Let us try Him and leave the Devil off entirely, for every good thing comes from God. I am hoping that you will draw nigh unto Him, for He says in His Word that He will draw nigh unto us.

Respectfully submitted in the name of Jesus,

B. E. Coxwell

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Too Many Moons

By Rev. T. H. Willey

The following is an article published by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The author of "Too Many Moons and Their Eclipse," Howard Van Dyck is a missionary to Central China under the Alliance. Quote:

"One beautiful moonlight night a few years ago, in a small Chinese junk I was sailing slowly along a winding tributary of the mighty Yangtze river toward the walled city in which I lived. The boatman was an old acquaintance, and as he guided his ship we conversed casually of many things. Suddenly he asked, 'Sir, in your honorable country, how many moons have you?' In surprise I replied, 'Of course, in America we have only one moon, the same moon as you have here in China. But why do you ask such a question?' 'Oh,' said he quite apologetically, 'I just did not know. Somebody once told me that in the foreign countries they have four moons.'

"You are amazed at this Chinese boatman's ignorance concerning the simple fact of astronomy, yes, strange as it may seem, many Americans betray an equally amazing ignorance concerning the fundamental facts of foreign missions. With the utmost assurance they hang in their missionary sky a full half dozen moons, any and all of which can be easily eclipsed.

"The first pale lunar light they always cast upon the missionary darkness is the proverb, 'Charity begins at home,' to this ancient truth the missionary must needs agree. Charity certainly should begin at home. The chief trouble with such objectors generally is that their charity has not yet begun at all. Charity should begin at home, but it should not end there.

"Please pardon a personal reference which happened to illustrate this point. The writer's family has a missionary history. A generation ago an uncle was a pioneer in South China. Today a cousin is in Central China's war zone. But we are not

all foreign missionaries. An Aunt, who had taught many years in a New York public school, quit teaching while still in her prime in order to devote herself entirely to Home mission work. Her friends protested that she should continue teaching till pensioned, and then do missionary work if she should. She replied, 'I do not wish to wait and give to God's service only the tag end of my life.' That was forty years ago. To-day though over eighty years of age, she still conducts her mission church in the city of Brooklyn. And through all these years she and her converts have been ardent supporters of foreign missions. Indeed they sent two of their own number to different Asiatic fields under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. You will generally find that the folk who are most enthusiastic for foreign missions, are the ones who are doing most in the home lands. It is the axiom that the light which shines the brightest at home, shines the furthest away.

"But the first moon has been eclipsed only to reappear in another quarter of the sky in a different form, the same yet not the same. Now it says, 'There is plenty to be done at home.' To that statement every missionary will promptly give assent. Each time we come on furlough we are impressed anew with that very fact. Through his several years of voluntary exile on a foreign field, the missionary tends to idealize his homeland. He fondly recalls its beauty and virtues, and gradually forgets its ugliness and its vices. When finally he returns however he is amazed at the homeland conditions. He is ready to agree that there is plenty to be done at home. But he is also ready to insist that there are plenty of folk at home to do it—plenty churches, plenty preachers, plenty Christians, and plenty of money.

"The contrast between the need at home and that abroad constitutes one of the strongest arguments for foreign missions. The missionary appeal is not a matter of soft sent-

iments, but of hard facts and figures and a call for fair play. My wife and I lived in one city in the Yangtze Valley where one's nearest neighbor missionaries were two days journey away. On another station we were the only evangelistic missionaries in the city of 20,000 and a county of 200,000. More recently we worked in a metropolis of 160,000 population with only seven churches. Here in America I find many small towns of four or five hundred people with four or five churches, but in China there are thousands of towns and villages and scores and scores of cities with populations running up to 10,000—all with no churches. Oh yes, there is plenty to be done at home, but on the foreign field there is infinitely more to be done and pitifully few to do it. Earth's neglected fields with few workers or none, form the objective of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

"Thus the pale light of two moons have faded from view, and now we see a different lunar body with a lurid glow that says, 'There are lots of heathen right here in the United States.' Now, wait a minute. That depends on what is meant by the word 'heathen.' I admit there are lots of people in the United States that act like heathen, but they are not really heathen. The heathen for whom the missionary appeals are people who do not know the true God and Jesus Christ, people who could not go to church if they wanted to, because they have none. But in these United States there are very few people not within the sound of a church bell and still fewer not within the sound of a radio, who must occasionally stumble unavoidably upon the broadcast of some Gospel service. And surely there is no body in these United States but what knows of the existence and location of a church and has some idea of what the church stands for. Indeed the very people who are sometimes mistakenly called 'Homeland heathen,' earn their reputation in part by the way in which they blaspheme the name of God. No, there

are no heathen in the United States like the heathen in foreign lands, and even if there were they need not be.

"Now these moons seem to come in pairs, and one lurid orb has passed from view only to give way to another ruddy protest, I do not believe in trying to civilize the heathen. 'Well, what of it? Neither do the missionaries. At least that is not the purpose of their going. To begin with, some of the nations whom we call heathen were already civilized long before our nation existed. If we should patronizingly claim to be civilizing the Chinese, they would proudly inform us that their ancestors wore silks and satins when ours still dressed in skins and lived in caves. The philosophic, peace loving Chinese literati can hardly be expected just now to appreciate the beauties of that civilization which comes to them in tanks and descends from the skies in the form of bombs. Far be it from the missionary to sponsor our modern civilization in its militaristic and materialistic moods.

"However there are benevolent and beneficial phases of our civilization of which all nations stand in need, and by which the missionaries everywhere exert a truly civilizing influence. Enlightenment, education, healing, culture—these elements of our civilization are found in the program of the Christian missionary enterprise, but these are its by-products not its primary objectives. The missionaries' first task is not civilization but evangelization.

"Anyhow, it is not the missionary alone that civilizes the heathen. Commerce and trade are doing it effectively. Thirty years ago we saw young Americans selling sewing machines all over China. And never did we hear a protest that the Chinese have cheap tailors and do not need civilization's machinery. We lived in several interior cities where, from month on end we did not see another white missionary. Yet fine American college graduates, employed by great oil companies, visited our city annually to inspect their inland branches. In fact, American kerosene is sold in remote

inland corners of Asia where the Gospel light has never penetrated. But nobody protested that the Chinese have tallow dips and oil lamps, so we would not force our foreign lamps upon them.

"On the contrary, big business is praised for its enterprises. Should not the church be equally enterprising? American merchants invade every market on the globe with American wares and American methods. Why should the church alone refrain from taking to those same markets its spiritual wares which we know constitute the noblest elements of our civilization? In the last analysis it narrows down to this: if Jesus Christ meant anything at all to you and me, he can mean just as much to any man any where; and every man every where should be given the opportunity to know and accept Him.

"From those lurid lights of prejudice we now turn to what seems to be the clear light of logic shining in the statement, 'But the heathens have religions of their own. Why try to change their religion?' The heathens do have religions of their own, and nobody knows it better than missionaries. Each Chinese has, not one religion but three. Confucianism furnishes him with ethics to guide him in this life. Buddhism tries to solve the riddle of his existence, his guide in the life to come. Taoism provides the superstitious ceremonies which guide Him thru the crises of both life and death. Yet, when he hears the Sermon on the Mount, he so admires its exalted ideals that he would gladly add Christianity to his three other religions. Then he discovers that Christianity from being just another religion is a person, a Saviour, a Sovereign; that he is asked, not to change his religion, but to accept salvation, because religion is what we do for God, whereas salvation is what God does for us. In the words of a famous missionary, 'I would not go two steps to get a man to change his religion, I am not unselfish enough. But I would go to China, if it were twice the distance that it

is, to get a man to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Religion cannot save. Jesus Christ can and does.

"Finally, when all other moons have set, there still lingers the pale, wistful, lunar light: 'But God will save the heathen anyhow.' Who said so? God never did, certainly not in our Bible. Instead He clearly states, 'The wicked shall be cast into hell, and all nations that forget God.' And that is just who the heathen are, nations that have forgotten God. Because God never made any folk heathen. The heathen made themselves such. Scripture teaches that God originally revealed His truth to all men. In every heathen land we find evidence of that original revelation. But we also find that men gradually changed that revelation into speculation, changed God worship into creature-worship, changed virtue into corruption. Witness this very process now taking place in our own land. Only the presence of the true church keeps Americans from becoming heathen. And the resultant judgment of God is, 'Tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jews first, and also of the Gentiles.' I have never met a heathen who had lived up to the light he had. 'All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,' and 'The wages of sin is death,' anywhere in the world.

"How useless to speculate beyond what God has revealed. Our serious concern should be not what will God do with the heathen who never heard the Gospel, but what will God do with us if we fail to give them the Gospel to every creature.' All our excuses and objections are nothing more than dead moons easily eclipsed by the simple interventions of solid facts. But why wait for arguments? How much better that their pale moonlight should forever fade from our skies, because there has shined in our hearts the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Foreign missions is just simply *loyalty to Him.*"

"Give the Roses Now"

By Mrs. C. T. Adams,
(Edgemont F. W. B. Church)
Durham, N. C.

We could make many lives more joyous today, if we would give the roses while they live and not wait to give them after the soul is gone. Faithful pastors' lives could be made more joyous; if we would think to give more roses in this life. Others who work for God need more roses, too.

God uses human instruments to bring us within His protecting care. Some one was sent to you and to me. We should be full of joy about it, and give them the roses while they live. By doing this we glorify God, because He uses spirit-filled people to help lift up Jesus to us. Who invited you within His fold, and have you told them? What could bring greater joy in their life than just to hear you say, "You lifted up Jesus to me and my soul is saved?"

We must remember that every good word spoken in this world, every sweet song sung, every holy thought or impulse of blessing started, shall go on and on until the end of all things. In this sense our work follows us. The things we do for Christ here, the inspirations we put into immortal lives, the lessons we teach, the influence of good we start shall not die with us.

I praise God for His wonderful love and for sending someone to bring me within His fold. Mrs. Seidell whom we all love, cared enough about my lost soul to visit me and invite me to church. I cared nothing for church or church folk and I did not care at the time about her visit. I had no intention of going to church or accepting Jesus, for I did not believe in God. The following Sunday found me at church and I have loved church work ever since. Years later I began to try to see Jesus in some one. Before we know Christ He must manifest Himself in His disciples of this world. By attending services regularly, I began to catch a glimpse of Jesus in

my pastor, Rev. Henry Melvin, who is son-in-law of Mrs. Seidell. One night after his message I consecrated my life to God, and have enjoyed my new life in Christ. My greatest joy comes when I think of Mrs. Seidell. I wonder if I would be as I am today if she had not been obedient to the Spirit as He led her out in the by-ways. Her eye-sight is dimmer than it used to be and her steps are tottering, still she makes her way to the church and teaches her class on Sunday morning. She has been brave and courageous thru affliction in her body.

Surely her influence will be felt in the lives of those who have been led to the Saviour by her efforts. The influence of good she started will not die with her.

I'll give her the roses while she lives,

Trying to cheer her on;

*Then I'll have no sad regrets
When her soul is gone.*

The Leaguer's Corner

CLARENCE BOWEN, Editor,
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Spring time is almost here. This season of the year always suggests new life, vigor, pep, enthusiasm, and new resolves to do greater things. Isn't this true to you, dear leaguers?

At any rate, suppose we begin now to take an inventory of our leagues. What about yours? Is your league about as good as you can make it, or are there still some improvements you can make? I believe if we will all be honest with ourselves we must admit that we are lacking something in some of our leagues.

What shall we do about it? Shall we with this spring begin anew to do our best for the Master in our young people's meetings? I dare you!

To this end we dedicate *The Leaguer's Corner*. There shall appear weekly valuable helps and suggestions gleaned from here and there originated, borrowed, and otherwise, and offered to you for the

improvement of your league. Will you try them? Let me know if you find them useful.

To begin with, let us offer some food for thought. Next week we will take up something else.

Prerequisites to a Good F. W. B. League Meeting

1. Prayer and reverence.
2. Planning, and lots of it, ahead of time.
3. Persistence and patience.
4. Pushancy.
5. Personal supervision.

Some Things to Do and Keep in Mind

1. If there is a good league program, the interest will be good.
 2. Remember, the purpose of a league program is to train, educate, and inspire—not to entertain.
 3. The best league program is the one that uses every member on the group.
 4. Do not come to the Sunday evening program without knowing every part of the program will be taken care of.
 5. Never use only the well trained members on the program.
 6. Keep in touch with every member of the group every week.
- Goodbye.

A Request for Prayer

Dear Baptist Readers:

A year ago today my husband and I came to the Sanatorium. I want to ask the prayers of every Christian that we may be healed if it's God's will. I have had many to ask me how did I wear a smile after going back to bed the third time in the past year. Well if we trust in God he can help us. Jesus tells us in St. John 14th chapter: *Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me. The best helper I have is God's Spirit and His Word to read. May God Bless each and every one of you is my Prayer. From one that believes in Prayer,*

A Sister in Christ,
Mrs. Hubert Humphrey,
Sanatorium, North Carolina

The Fourth Union

The Union met with Free Union Church, Greene County, December 30th, 1939. The 10:30 o'clock devotionals were led by W. M. Harrison. Prayer by Ernest Baker.

The Union was called to order by the moderator, and the following committees were appointed:

Finance—J. E. Baker, M. E. Smith, J. R. Pittman.

Temperance—N. D. Beamon, D. E. Everett, W. H. Webb.

Sabbath School—W. M. Hardison, W. A. Dilday, Benjamin Dilday.

Devotionals—Sisters Tyndall, Hardison and W. C. Hinson.

Program—Sisters Owens, Rollins and Cobb.

Orphanage—Jesse Proctor, R. H. Harrell, Joshua Cummings.

On motion we invite the visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

List of churches as follows:

Antioch—Marvin Smith and	
Wife	\$3.27
Walnut Creek—Leon Rollins—	2.00
Watery Branch—Mrs. J. S.	
Jones and daughter—	2.00
Free Union—W. M. Hardison	
Luther Heath	3.00
Friendship—Sadie and Alice	
Cobb	3.00
Spring Branch—W. A. Dilday	
and J. E. Craft	3.00
Harrells Chapel—Not represented.	
Howell Swamp—A. H. Gay ..	2.00
Saratoga—Jesse Proctor,	
Mabel Owens	3.00
Aspin Grove—Robert Moore	
and Wife	2.00
Owens Chapel—J. E. Baker,	
D. E. Everett	2.75
Daniels Chapel—J. R. and	
Henry Pittman	2.00
Ottis Creek—W. H. Webb, J.	
E. Summerlin	2.00
Edgewood R. H. Harrell, W.	
J. Reasons	2.00
Dilda Grove—Benjamin	
Dilda	1.50
River Side—Not represented.	
Blands Chapel—Not represented.	
La Grange—Mrs. Leon Rollins,	
Jennie Dawson	4.00
Ministers present: W. L. Hart, N.	

D. Beamon, J. W. Wooten, P. C. Wiggs, M. E. Tyson, L. B. Manning.

Ministers Absent: H. T. Sowers, E. L. Abrams, N. L. Gupton.

Licensed absent: W. F. Newell, C. D. Hamilton and J. C. Varnell.

On motion we receive Howell Swamp Church of Greene County as a member of this union, and it was added to our list of churches represented by Brother A. H. Gay.

On motion we grant Brother J. C. Varnell a letter of recommendation to the second union of the Western Conference at his request.

A committee of three, Elders N. D. Beamon, W. L. Hart and L. B. Manning were appointed to make an appeal to Rev. H. T. Sowers in regards to attending the Union.

On motion we call off for preaching and dinner. Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs. Text: Genesis 47:8.

Afternoon Session

Union was called to order by singing hymn 147, led by Rev. L. B. Manning. Prayer by Brother J. R. Pittman.

On motion the Finance Committee retire and settle with Treasurer and he make his report.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reports on hand from last	
Union	\$ 4.90
Received at this Union	37.52
Total on hand	\$42.42
Paid Clerk	5.00
Paid Printing Press	1.00
Paid M. E. Tyson for Orphanage	25.00
Paid to Owen's Chapel (Paid to J. E. Baker)	10.00
Balance on hand	1.42
Received for retired ministers	
fund \$1.00 paid to the treasurer of	
fund.	

The various committees adopted same reports.

Sunday School address by Rev. M. E. Tyson.

Orphanage address by Rev. W. L. Hart.

On motion the various committee's reports be received. Petitions

for the next union was taken and it was voted to convene with Antioch, Wayne County, March 30th, 1940. Rev. M. E. Tyson is to preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. L. B. Manning on his failure.

Devotional committee reports that Rev. Manning to preach tonight and Rev. Beamon on his failure.

On motion we extend a vote of thanks to the good people of Free Union.

On motion we close until next time in course.

Praise and prayer by Rev. M. E. Tyson.

Rev. P. C. Wiggs, *Mod.*,
R. R. Bailey, *Clerk-Treas.*

PROGRAM

(Program for Fourth Union on
March 30, 1940)

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening by Moderator, P. C. Wiggs
- 10:15—Devotionals by Rev. M. E. Tyson
- 10:30—Business Session
- 11:30—Sermon by Rev. M. E. Tyson
- 12:00—Noon Song and Dismissal
- 12:05—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Business
- 2:15—Sunday School address by Rev. N. D. Beamon
- 2:30—Orphanage address by Rev. L. B. Manning
- 2:45—Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. W. L. Hart

Miss Mabel Owens,
Mrs. Leon Rollins,
Miss Sadie Cobb, *Com.*

Poor, weak, and worthless though I am,
I have a rich and almighty Friend;
Jesus the Saviour is his name—
He freely loves and without end.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

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New Bern, N. C.

Keith Missionary Report

The Ladies Missionary Society of Keith Free Will Baptist church met on January 29 at the church. The roll was called and each member answered by paying the dues which amounted to thirty cents.

In the business session the raising of money for the repairing of the church was discussed. Then the lesson for the day was taken up and studied. Mark 2:6 was the lesson for discussion. The next seven chapters will compose the lessons for February.

The meeting was then dismissed by sentence prayer. The members have made 40 sick visits; sent one flower design; and taken three trays to the sick.

Mrs. Ruby Maxwell, *Secy.*

To the Women of the Western District

This is to notify all Auxiliaries of the Western District to please make out all reports and mail to the proper Vice Presidents in time for them to make out their reports to the District Convention which convenes April 3.

Officers

President, Mrs. Clarence Bowen, 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, North Carolina; First Vice President (Publications and Literature), Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Route 2; Second Vice President (Christian Education), Mrs. L. M. Ausley, Micro, North Carolina; Third Vice President (Missions), Mrs. Deanye O. Morris, Fremont, North Carolina; Fourth Vice President (Stewardship), Mrs.

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Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

Program

Program of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Second Union District of the Western Association, March 21, 1940, to take place at Mt. Zion Church in Nash County at 9:30 a. m.

Theme:

Christian Workers Going Forward

Morning

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Song: "Loyalty to Christ"
- 10:05—Devotional—Mrs. Worth Davis
- 10:20—Welcome—Mrs. Monroe Manning
- 10:35—Response—Mrs. H. T. Jernigan
- 10:40—Special Music—Miss Marie Manning and Miss Rachel Ferrell
- 10:45—Appointment of Committees—Roll call of Societies
- 11:00—Song
- 11:05—Convention Message—Mrs. Clarence Bowen
- 11:40—Song: "To the Work"
- 11:45—Benediction
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:00—Song: "Jesus Calls Us"
 - 1:05—Devotional—Mrs. Jessie Bunn
 - 1:20—Orphanage—Program
 - 1:50—Special Music—Mrs. Obbie Bartholomew and Mrs. J. H. Bobbitt
 - 1:55—What Part Has the Ladies Aid in the Kingdom's Work? (Open forum led by the President)
 - 2:25—Business Program (Finance and Appropriations)
 - 2:40—Presentation of Honor Award
 - 2:50—Song: "God Be with You"
 - 2:55—Benediction
- Mrs. D. O. Wilder, *President*,
Mrs. Will Tippet, *Secretary*

Crowning Christ in the Homeland

(Continued from page three)

to call attention to Bro. Beaman's impressive statement: "Our own land is destitute of the greater spiritual blessings which rightly belong to it, because of the neglect of the church to fully accomplish her task." How is our church going to accomplish her task until some workers are placed in this field in the homeland? Again quoting from Brother Beaman: "Our smaller cities and towns, as well as the rural communities, are over-run with crime, and a disregard for that which is right. How can these things be? Only because the church is neglectful of her mission." In connection with this quotation, I would like also to call your attention to the splendid article of Brother M. L. Hollis, Chairman of the National Home Mission Board. A searching question of his article is: "Have we done our best in regard to National Home Missions during the past year?" The answer is No. Not until we have a home missionary in every state represented in our National Association. Let us not overlook the fact that it takes an evangelized homeland to carry on

an effective foreign mission program.

The greatest service that can be rendered to the world today is to evangelize America. She holds the strategic position in the world of nations at the present time. If she would rightly exercise her Christian influence, she could bring peace to the nations, she could prevent war among nations, and she could evangelize nations. Shall we not give our attention to preaching the gospel to the people in America as well as in the foreign lands?

America seems to be Christianity's best chance. Asia had her chance and failed. Christ was born, lived and died on her soil, but she failed. Africa was evangelized in the first and second centuries, but today the Moslems are at home upon her sandy soil. Europe listened to Paul and the early missionaries and finally Christianity was seated upon the throne of the Caesars. But, alas, she substituted the ways of Caesar for the ways of Christ, thus she lost the true message and meaning of the cross, and today we must send missionaries to her to make known the will of Christ.

America seems to be the last and greatest opportunity for the building of a Christian nation from which the gospel is to be spread through all the earth. The crowning of Christ in our homeland is, I repeat, the major message and ministry of the Free Will Baptist church. May I urge all of our people through the National Association to hear Brother Hollis' appeal, and rise up, and rally to our Home Mission work as never before. He is very anxious to have home missionaries in every state. May we help him to realize this desire this year.

NOTE:—The above article was furnished by Sister Frazier at my request. I very deeply appreciate this fine article on Home Missions and pray that it may cause many to wake up to the need of this much needed work in our church.—M. L. HOLLIS, CHAIRMAN NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS.

News from Sound Side Church

I wish to let the Baptist readers hear from us at Sound Side Church in Tyrell County. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, filled his regular appointment on the first Saturday morning, and evening, and also Sunday morning and evening.

Due to the bad weather conditions and sickness in our community, our attendance was rather small. Brother Griffin delivered four stirring messages. He is a faithful servant of God, and we are thankful to have him as our pastor.

On the whole we have a very wonderful church, but all of us could do more. As we see much before us to be done, we should strive harder this year. Pray for us that we may have more workers for the kingdom of God. May we let our motto be: "Nothing less than the best."

(Miss) Marie Edwards,
Columbia, North Carolina

Union Meeting Report

The union meeting of the Third District of the Eastern Association met at Laniers Chapel, Duplin County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1939 at ten o'clock.

The union opened with praise and prayer, and the usual committees were appointed and prayer was offered for the success of the union by Elder S. A. Smith. There were seven ministers present together with a good representation from the different churches.

A motion was passed that this union go on record as endorsing the work of the pastors' Institute held annually at Davis, North Carolina, and that we encourage our ministers to avail themselves of the benefits much as possible. Also we urge the churches of their union to assist their pastors to attend the Institute in every way possible. The Eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Kennedy after which the union called off for lunch.

In the afternoon session the list of churches was called and there were twenty-one represented with total donation of \$51.25 of which the Union gave \$15.00 to the Orphanage, \$5.00 to Superannuation and \$24.00 to the Sneads Ferry church. Also an offering was taken for the church at Sneads Ferry amounting to \$6.03.

All ministers were reported in good standing.

It was ordered that the next union be held with Sandy Plain Church in Duplin County. Elder Lloyd Vernon to preach the introductory sermon and Elder R. C. Proctor to be on his failure.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community and then the union adjourned till next time.

S. W. Jones, Clerk

Life and the Weaver

Life is a woven fabric;

The pattern and web are wrought
By the dark threads and the golden
That into the looms are shot.

You cannot judge God's purpose

By the thrust of a single thread,
What to you may be dark, mysterious,

May be gloriously bright instead.

For He holds in mind a pattern

As fair as His love is strong,
Which grows each day in the weaving;

Not a single thread goes wrong.

No warp in His hands shall tangle,

No slumber His eyelids close;
We only can thwart His purpose
When our stubborn wills impose.

Our tangled and broken efforts

To walk in His kind commands
Will give life an added luster

Restored by his loving hands.

So trust in the Weaver's wisdom,

In His love and unfailing care,
And the fabric of life completed,
Some day will be wondrous fair.

—A. W. Dewar

Second Union Report, Central Conference

The Union of the Second district of the Central Conference convened with St's Delight Church in Greene County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1939. Rev. R. H. Mason conducted the devotional exercises, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Denton. The moderator, Rev. R. P. Harris, made a few remarks and business of the union was then entered into. We had a very good union, even though the weather was rather cold. All churches represented except Ayden, Greenville, Elm Grove, Pleasant Hill, Parker's Chapel, Arthur, Marlboro and Howell Swamp.

We had fifteen ministers from our union present, with Rev. L. E. Ballard from Asheville as a visitor. We had several very good talks for the good of the union, and some constructive work was done. Elders D. W. Alexander, R. B. Spencer and J. P. Barrow were made a committee to organize a Sunday School Convention in this district at the next union. The same is to be held on Sunday at the same place of the union. All Sunday Schools in this union are requested to send a delegate on Sunday.

Elders D. W. Alexander and J. E. Wooten spoke on conserving the Pittman Memorial Institute, stating that the time had been changed to the Second Sunday night in August for the opening and continuing the Institute for one week. All ministers are urged to attend this Institute at Davis.

We had special music by male quartet, and then the union sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Dail. He urged both preachers and laymen to get busy and get down to real work. There was also a movement started whereby Rev. D. A. Windham is to start an educational program over the radio, beginning as soon as the station in Greenville is put in operation.

The union elected a Credentials Committee to function as the other officers of the union. The Finance Committee reported that there was sent in from all sources the amount of \$89.74, which was disbursed as follows: To the clerk, \$5; to Rev. W. T. Pollard, \$10.47; to missions, \$2.85; to the Needy Ministers Fund, \$19; to the Orphanage, \$52.42, leaving nothing in the treasury.

The next union is to go to Cedar Grove Church in Martin County, and Rev. D. W. Alexander is to preach on Sunday. Elder W. B. Nobles is to preach on Brother Alexander's failure. On motion the union closed to meet with Cedar Grove in March, 1940.

Rev. R. P. Harris, *Mod.*,
E. C. Hines, *Clerk.*

Be all my heart and all my days
Devoted to my Saviour's praise;
And let my glad obedience prove
How much I owe, how much I love.

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

In the Upper Room

(Lesson for March 3)

Lesson: Matthew 26:1-30.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*This do in remembrance of Me*" (I Corinthians 11:24).

The Lord Jesus asked us to remember His death. In order to help us in this remembrance. He suggested that we use a bit of broken bread and some grape-juice.

And why did He want us to remember His death? So that we would not only know the secret of the life of fellowship with our Heavenly Father, but be all the more careful to "walk in the light."

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*"According to Thy gracious Word,
In meek humility,
This will do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.*

*"Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from Heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.*

*"When to the Cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember Thee.*

*"Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
And all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains
Will I remember Thee."*

—JAS. MONTGOMERY

This "Soldier's Epitaph" was frequently quoted by Spurgeon:

*In earlier years I shed my blood
Both for my King and for my country's good;
In later years it was my pride to be
Soldier to Him who shed His Blood
for me.*

THE HEART OF THE LESSON

The Lord's Supper is one of the three great ordinances committed to the Church for observance because of them signify the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was necessary for the establishment of the Church.

1. *The Preparation* (Matthew 26: 17-19). It was at the time of the observance of the Old Testament Passover. This great feast observed annually was a reminder of the deliverance of the Israelites from the land of Egypt, and their salvation from death on the same night by means of the shed and applied blood of a lamb without blemish (Exodus 12). It is a type of the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and "a Lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:19). It was therefore fitting that the sacrifice of Christ should occur in con-

nection with the celebration of this feast.

2. *The Identification* (Matthew 26:20-25). Only John gives an account of what happened at the observance of the Passover (John 13: 2-30). It was after the meal that Jesus washed the disciples' feet and taught them a great lesson in service, and also a great truth about the cleansing of the believer's walk. Our lesson takes us at once to the identification of the betrayer. First of all, Jesus revealed the fact that He would be betrayed, and that by one of the Twelve. He knew Judas and what was in his heart, but He had patiently borne with him and given him every opportunity of repenting. It is a most remarkable manifestation of the grace and patience of the Lord.—J. C. T.

It has been stated that it was the custom to give the first sop from the dish to the honored guest of the occasion. If so, then it would seem as if the Lord would turn the erring one from his dark and foul deed, even at the last moment. It is sure and certain that the Lord Jesus had nothing but sadness and sorrow for the betrayer. What love and pity must have surged through His great heart as He saw Judas rushing on to darkness and perdition. God will not coerce the will of any man. He will not violate the sanctity of any human personality. What a man does, he does because he chooses to do it. This is the wonder of human volition, and of man's free choice of life or death.—MacFadyen.

3. *The Institution* (Matthew 26: 26-30). This is a memorial for believers only. It is not a place at which the sinner may obtain forgiveness, but a place of fellowship for the saint.

The emblems used are very simple. We are all familiar with bread and the juice of the grape. This signifies that Christ is level to the approach of all, for He is not for a chosen few. Little children can receive Him. Even those of inferior intelligence may believe on Him and

be saved. Yet the profoundest minds cannot go beyond Him, nor even fathom the depth of His nature.

The emblems are representative. They represent the body and blood of the Lord. Both have been procured by sacrifice. The grain of wheat could not be made into bread until it had been ground into flour. The fruit of the vine could not become a drink until it had been crushed and its juice extracted. If these plants had sentient lives, these processes would have caused a great deal of suffering. They are symbolical of the suffering of flesh He could not take away our sin. It was necessary for that body to be broken and for that Blood to be shed before He could become our Saviour (John 6:53). This was accomplished by His death on the Cross (John 19: 31-35).

The emblems are memorial, but they are also prophetic. The bread speaks of the new body of Christ, the Church, and the wine of the new life within that body. But Jesus coupled another prophecy with this ordinance. He foretold that He would never participate in it again under the same conditions, but He spoke of another occasion when He would do so, namely: in His Father's kingdom (Matthew 26:29). For as often, then, "as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come" (I Corinthians 11:26). Thus, the Lord's Supper points backward to the work which Christ finished on the Cross, and it also points forward to His Coming again.—J. C. T.

Read again Isaiah 53 this week and study the lesson material in the Senior and Advanced Quarterly.

Not all that men on earth can do,
Nor powers on high, nor powers below,
Shall cause his mercy to remove,
Or wear our hearts from Christ our love.

Boys and Girls Corner

Bobby's Temperance Verse

Bobby's class in Bible school was to have part in a big meeting to be held that night in the church, and Bobby sat in a quiet corner of the living-room saying over and over the verse they were to recite:

"God gave me my body to use while I live:

I'll thank Him for it by the good care I give.

The good food I eat, and the water I drink,

The warm clothes I wear and the nice thoughts I think,

Will help make my body grow useful and strong,

And make my life happy and helpful and long."

"There, I know it now," said Bobby, "and I think I'll eat my apple." The apple was a fine, big, red apple that father had brought home with him the night before.

"I wish you wouldn't let little sister see you have an apple today," whispered mother. "I am sure she would want some of it if she saw it, and she must not have it."

Bobby knew that very well, for little sister had been ill, and was still very frail and white. The apple was hidden in a dish on the sideboard where he could not get it without her seeing him.

"Oh, bother," he said with a frown, "I'm hungry for that apple. I wish I could eat it!"

Mother gave an odd little smile. "If you are going to take such good care of that body of yours," she said, "I wonder if you could make it strong enough to do without one apple until sister takes her nap?"

Bobby thought a moment and then said, "Yes, I can, mother, and I will."—*The Sunbeam.*

I Corinthians 3:9b: "Ye are God's building."

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IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED PASTOR AND CO-WORKER, REV. S. H. STYRON

It could be truly said that the lines of the Apostle fully applies to the subject of this sketch, and in this, his host of friends get more or less consolation, and their submission and resignation to the Divine will is increased. "I Have Finished the Work Thou Gavest Me to Do." These lines have a most peculiar and impressive application to the life's work and many good deeds, and many activities of our departed friend and pastor, Rev. Simon Styron. Surely it was not in the minds of his many admiring friends that he was nearing the end of his pilgrimage here as he went in and out before them in the masterful work of Church and Country betterment, for which he had attained the highest honors. He was always dutiful to every need of humanity with his fixed determination and firmness of purpose, enabling him to carry out successfully the plans of his active brain and willing hands.

One would have thought that he was destined to a much longer, longer life of continued usefulness that he was here to enjoy. But we must remember it is not how long we live here, but how capable we are while living that counts in the final round up. He was richly endowed with the many traits of character that insure success in every effort, and combined with these in perfect harmony his many Christian attributes left their imprints upon his life and character, as not to escape notice of any one with whom he came in contact, placing him far above the average, and not only assuring his success in this life, but also in the one to come, and hence, he was unafraid upheld by faith and hope.

It is not for us to understand the dispensation of Divine Providence. All that we can do, and all expected of us to do, is to be resigned and submissive to His will, and conform our lives to the order of His dealings. Surely this alone should comfort and sustain us, and ease the burden of our hearts, as we wend our way toward the evening sunset. Remembering that it is not the many years we live and bear our burdens, but the many good deeds that are left behind us, and here is where the subject of this sketch comes in for full and complete value. In his going away there was a Divine purpose, which some day we will all comprehend, but not

while in this flesh. His good works were simply finished, and he had fought a good fight, and had kept the faith. Our departed pastor had crowded so much in the time he went in and out among us, so many good deeds of love and interest in everything to make the world better, that he was a great deal older in service to mankind, than in the years he had spent on this earth, and correspondingly there is no doubt but that his reward is greater and his crown of righteousness more brilliantly bedecked with stars than many who lived longer in years but fell far short of the number of good deeds which filled the life of this good man. An exceptionally good man has laid down his life here, and gone to his eternal reward, but his righteous living and deeds of kindness and love will live and bear fruit, as long as time endures, and will serve as a more lasting monument to his memory than any marble shaft that may be erected above his mound.

To the bereaved wife and family goes the sympathy of their many friends.

Mrs. Ralph Deans,
Pleasant Grove Church

BYARS. Early on January 5, 1940, the Rev. J. D. Byars, of Millport, Alabama, passed away quietly into the great beyond to be with Him who doeth all things well.

For forty-nine years, Rev. Byars had been active in the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church. He was one of the most devoted and tender of men whom we have ever known. He was a good husband a faithful and devoted father, and a very loyal Christian. We have seen very few homes where the children have been as devoted to their parents as in this one.

He was in failing health for more than two years, and at the age of seventy-six he died suddenly at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith of Tabernacle Community. His death came as a shock to his large family and great number of friends.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lela Dean, and nine children. He is survived also by fourteen grandchildren, two half brothers, and one half sister. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss., and assisted by Rev. Tilley of Ethelsville, Alabama, and Rev. Bynum of Millport, Alabama. It was conducted in the M. E. Church at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday afternoon. The music was beautifully rendered by the Columbus Quartett. Following the service, the body was said to rest in the cemetery at Millport to await the sound of the trumpet.

May God bless the family in the hours of their deep grief and sorrow.

Written by,
Mrs. Troy L. Golden,
Millport, Alabama

How Good

How good to have a Father kind,
Who watches o'er us all the time;
How good to know one's friends are
real,
How confident it makes us feel.

When all of these things we do
know,
How eager in the world we go;
Helping to fight and drive out sin,
And others help new starts begin.

'Tis true that some of us are weak,
And often are afraid to speak;
For fear we may not say 'what's
right,
But God will help us to see the
right.

The light of understanding see,
Sometimes it is made known to
me,
Through many dear, Godfearing
folk,
God's Spirit that most surely
spoke.

How good to have this knowledge
fine,
Of our Saviour so divine;
How good to know that He is real—
How truly thankful we should
feel.

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Ye it seemed hard among my heavy cares
That bitter day.

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That sorrow was the gift I needed most,
And in its mystic depth I learned to see
The Holy Ghost.

I WANTED HEALTH; but Thou didst bid me
sound
The secret treasures of pain,
And in the moans and groans my heart oft found
Thy Christ again.

I WANTED WEALTH; 'twas not the better part,
There is a wealth with poverty oft given,
And Thou didst teach me of the gold of heart,
Best gift of heaven.

I THANK THEE, Lord, for these unanswered
prayers,
And for Thy word, the quiet, kindly "Nay."
'Tis Thy withholding lightened all my cares
That blessed day.

—ANONYMOUS

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What If We Had?

By J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas

The following is a financial statement of all funds collected by the National Board of Education up to February 20, 1940.

By Texas from all sources..\$	583.61
By North Carolina from all sources	549.38
By Tennessee from all sources	448.10
By Missouri from all sources	198.60
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By offering at 1939 session of National Association ..	\$198.35
By Western General Association, all educational fund	105.54
By individual offerings by twenty-four ministers...	28.00

Grand Total

Now, the question, "What If We Had?" Let's base the question on the report of our statistician to the 1939 session of the National Association. The report is found on page 10 of the minute, and we should acknowledge the fact as is stated, "this report is not full or accurate in some respects." Yet, we will base our assumptions of his report. If the 101,041 Free Will Baptists reported in this statistical report had responded with the ten cents per

capita called for by the National Board of Education during the period from November 1938 to July 1939 we could have reported the amount of \$10,104.00 in cash to use in establishing a good Bible school. My! how interesting those figures sound, you say. Well, that would have been an accurate report had all of you done as did some. The only hindrance was a lack of co-operation.

Again, what if all ministers, and delegates, who attended the 1939 session of the National Association had gone home with the appeal which sprang up there in our youth's heart? The answer is, there might have been another twelve and one half cents per capita raised by January 1, 1940, which would have swelled our fund another \$12,677.42. Again, that sounds good. "What If We Had?" Only a lack of co-operation was the hindrance again.

But let's change the form of the question and say what if we now would co-operate? We could add, at least, another twelve and one half cents per member to the fund by the next session of our National Association, which convenes in Paintsville, Kentucky in July 1940. That would mean another \$12,677.42. Does that sound interesting? It can be a reality, if only all of you who read this will fall in line, and begin to work, now. Had we only responded to each appeal, and would respond now, we could report \$35,458.94 in July. Brethren, we ought to do it, and it can be done yet. But, will we have to say when we assemble, "What If We Had," again? Unless you give us your co-operation it will be the case, and that means everyone.

Interest seems to be spreading, and concentrating too; hence we are still enthusiastic. I mean to say that we are still daring to believe in you, the Free Will Baptists of Ameri-

ca. Will you now line up in this great cause that our faith in you may be fruitful? I mean every minister, church official and lay-member. It is going to take all of us to put this proposition over. I am frank to say that I am extremely disappointed in many of our ministers and church leaders. We say that we need this Bible School as nothing else, but we just trust the whole thing to providence. My Brethren, had God planned to give us this institution through other means than our co-operative giving He would have already done so. Don't you agree? He is expecting us to use what He is giving to us to accomplish this great work.

What If We Had given according to the figure given herein? Did you know that it would only amount to thirty-five cents per member for such a wonderful cause in a period of most two years? Do you not agree that one dollar per member would be a small amount for us to give during such a long period. Some of us have given much more than that. Do you know some special reason why you who have given nothing could not have given as much as those who have done what has been done?

Considering the fact that we have some two hundred thousand Free Will Baptists in the United States, and the fact that we could have easily given one dollar each for the establishment of a Good Bible School since the Board began its appeal, also the fact that if we had done so now two hundred thousand dollars, don't you say with me, "What If We Had?"

*"Of all the words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are, IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN."*

(Continued on page eleven)

EDITORIAL

The Function of God's Servants

In Matthew 5:13-16, we find a part of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. "Ye are the salt of the earth."

The Disciples to Be Salt

When Jesus spoke these words to his disciples, what did he mean by this comparison? What teaching did he mean to convey unto them? What is to be the application of this teaching to the Christian today?

The doctrine of the Gospel of Christ is as salt; that is, as salt is applied to unsavory meats to preserve and keep them, so this gospel is to be applied to unsaved souls to save them from eternal destruction. This doctrine of salvation is penetrating, quick and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). As salt penetrates the very center of unsavory meats, so Christ's gospel reaches the depths of the human heart (Acts 2:37). When applied to the human soul, it is the cleansing power of sin; it is relishing, making glad the heart; and it is preserving, blotting out sin and putrefaction from the heart. Note, in the Old Testament an everlasting covenant is called a covenant of salt (Numbers 18:19), and the Gospel is an everlasting covenant, designed to save very soul from eternal destruction. It is the nature of flesh to decay when life ceases. It is likewise the nature of mankind, being in the fallen state under Adam's transgression, to commit sin, and to be eternally lost without the plan of redemption. As God formed in the earth salt as the element for penetrating and preserving unsavory meat, so he gave to mankind the Gospel of Christ as the means for man's salvation.

This principle may be applied to

all Christians today, and especially to ministers of the gospel. They are the salt of the earth; that is to say, they are God's messengers of the saving grace of Christ. They must first have this salt of the gospel applied to their hearts before they can be effective ministers of the Word. In the midst of those with whom they labor in God's kingdom there are those whose souls need saving. As the disciples were the salt of the gospel in their day, so in every age, the servants of God must be the salt of the gospel for them to be able to preach and teach it effectively, and to draw souls to the Lord Jesus.

But if the salt have lost his savour. Note, if the disciple, or any Christian, has lost, out of his heart, the saving grace of the gospel, he has become worthless as a servant of God. He has become unsavory, void of spiritual life, and thus is good for nothing. He is to be cast out Jesus would have us to believe. How can he be worth anything to the gospel in the salvation of souls? How can he, who possess not the gospel graces, impart the saving power of the gospel to any effect upon lost souls? Salt is the remedy for unsavory meats, but according to Christ, the disciple who has lost his savour is good for nothing. God cannot use men, whose hearts have turned from him, to be effective messengers to draw lost souls to him. Today we see very much ineffective preaching of the gospel. Is it the fact, therefore, that many ministers and other religious leaders are void of this saving grace of the gospel? Have their words become "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal? Have they lost their first love for the gospel?

To Be Lights

Christ said his disciples were to be lights, teachers and preachers of

his gospel light. "Ye are the light of the world," verse 14. The earth gets its light from the sun. Let us note, the function of sunlight is to remove darkness, and to invigorate life, for without it one would stumble and fall. People would be hopeless and helpless in this world without sunlight. Just as a city set on a hill cannot be hid, so a candle, a lamp or an electric bulb unhidden sends forth its rays to give light in the house. The gospel light is to the soul as the sun's rays are to the earth: the life black with sin needs the gospel lamp applied to dispel the sin of darkness, as the dark earth must have the sunshine to supply plant and animal life with life-giving properties. So the disciples were to be Christ's messengers of his gospel light. They were not to put it under a bushel, not to bury it as the slothful servant who buried his lord's talent, but they are to let it shine in the hearts of lost souls. In their gospel ministry, they were to be light giving messengers of the plan of salvation.

Again, let us make another comparison of the gospel light. As the churches may be considered the candlesticks, the golden candlesticks in which these lights are placed, so the Christian acts of these disciples may be considered the radiance of the gospel light which shines to all that are in the house—to all who will draw themselves unto it and accept the gospel of Christ. The disciples were to shine by their good living as well as by their good preaching. They were not to put the knowledge and light of it under a bushel, but were to spread it. They were to be burning and shining lights (John 5:35). They were to be to others a means of instruction, quickening and comforting by diffusing this gospel light (Job 29:11). The purpose was that others might see their good works and glorify God in heaven.

It is the fact, the glory of God and the salvation of the souls is the great thing which Christians today must seek in letting their lights shine in

religious work (1 Peter 4:11). The person who has the light of God's gospel in his heart should let it shine in his home, in his church, and in his community for the glory of God.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffen

The Holy Trinity—In the face of First John 5:7, which reads, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one," there are people who deny the Trinity of God. Further, when Jesus was baptized, "The Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Three at the Baptism makes a trinity. Three persons named by John makes a trinity.

The Word—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1,2). Note, that the Word was in the beginning and was with God. So, Christ was with God the Father when "All things were made," according to the Scripture. John goes on to say, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). So, the Son was the "only begotten of the Father." The Father and the Son were associated in the Creation of this present world. "All things were made by him and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3).

The Holy Ghost—The Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit is the same person. Jesus spoke of him in terms of a person. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things" (John 14:26). Notice that Jesus uses the

terms "whom" and "he" in making this promise. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:7, 8). Notice how many times Jesus uses personal pronouns speaking of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost (the latter is used by the King James' version) is one of Three that form the Godhead and makes the Holy Trinity.

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed
Trinity."—Reginald Heber.

News and Views

By Loy E. Ballard,

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A Church to be Proud of. We had the privilege a few days ago to give the new Free Will Baptist Church at Durham the "look over," and we were delightfully surprised. We knew that the people of Edgemont Church were capable of doing big things, and we knew that they were being led by a man of big vision—Brother Henry Melvin. But this new building is a credit even for a big church and pastor. In our humble opinion, when it is finished it will be the finest in our denomination, and it compares favorably with buildings proudly possessed by the larger denominations. We predict a great future for Edgemont!

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Have You Tuned In? Have you tuned in on Radio Station WPTF in Raleigh on Monday after the Second Sunday recently and heard Rev. W. L. Moretz? Our energetic Secretary of missions is doing some-

thing through these radio broadcasts to give our church a bit of the prestige that is rightfully ours. We are glad that our editor is giving Brother Moretz's radio messages through the Baptist for the benefit of those who cannot get them over the radio. But, tune in Monday after the Second Sunday in March at 7:00 a. m. and get it "first hand!"

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Mountain News Breezes. While we were in Asheville three days last week we got the following briefs for this column:—At Horney Heights Church, the new pastor, Rev. Carol Fowler, is in the midst of a revival meeting. A number of new converts have been reported. Rev. B. E. Guthrie is reported to have delivered one of his greatest sermons last Sunday at Union Valley (Weaver-ville). The church is reported making progress under his able leadership. At Swannanoa Rev. Mr. Lowery has settled as full time resident pastor. The Asheville Church (Rev. Lindsey Howell, pastor) was reported making progress, with Sunday School attendance on the up, and the worship services well attended.

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College Student Work. The Greenville Church is endeavoring to give all possible encouragement to the twenty or more Free Will Baptist Students attending East Carolina College. Our denomination is behind in this class of work, and as a result we are losing many of our young people who go to the various colleges. At East Carolina all denominations except ours maintain special organizations for their students. Arrangements have been made to organize our young people next week in their own group, and the college group will have charge of the program at our church next Sunday morning. Pastors who have young people at East Carolina can help us in this movement by encouraging their young people to attend our church. Better to let us have them for awhile than for some other denomination to get them for good. Don't you think so?

Well Rounded Gospel and Ministry

*Sherman H. Oakes,
Rockingham, N. C.*

I. THE GOSPEL

A well rounded gospel must be preached for the salvation of souls, and in order to build up the saved. In order for one to preach a well rounded gospel, the following fundamentals must be understood and believed: (1) The fall of man; (2) The law to reveal our sinfulness; (3) The Virgin birth of Christ; (4) The substitute atonement of Jesus; (5) Repentance; (6) Justification by faith; (7) Salvation by grace; (8) Progressive filling of the Spirit; (9) The second coming of Christ.

These great scriptural truths reveal a need of evangelism. Modernism denies these facts, and sees no need of the evangelistic gift, or evangelistic activities, and that accounts for the lack of interest in evangelism.

Many colleges and Universities are teaching modernism. Therefore, we have harvested a crop of preachers, teachers, and church leaders (generally speaking) that are fallen away. They are destroying the faith that brings Christ into the heart as a personal Saviour.

Peter confessed the faith when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and Jesus gave the Great Proclamation, "Upon this rock I will build my church." This faith is the foundation of salvation, and modernism is trying to destroy it in the minds of the people. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Harry Emerson Fosdick said, "The story of Jonah and the whale is a myth." That is trying to destroy Christ's teachings, for Jesus plainly verified it by showing it was a miraculous happening and typified his death, burial and resurrection.

"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40).

I have more respect for an infidel's opinion of this point, than I have for a modernistic preacher, for he is a wolf in sheep's clothing, and through subtlety he will do a million times more damage. Thank God we have many God-called and Spirit filled ministers in our various denominations that are contending for "the faith." They are standing in the gap and casting up a standard.

II. THE MINISTRY

Apparently, there is not any shortage in pastoral ministry, and very little opposition to this spiritual gift in the church. There is a shortage of evangelistic ministry, and much opposition to this spiritual gift, even by some who possess the pastoral gift, and by some church people. This ought not to be the case. We are aware of the deplorable fact that some evangelists are not Biblical, and are not constructive. Nevertheless, we should prove all and hold fast to those that are good.

It is clearly set forth in the record of spiritual gifts, that some receive the gift of the evangelist, and also note Phillip was told to do the work of an evangelist.

Every saved person can and should have a part in evangelism, witnessing and working for the salvation of souls. We do not have to be a preacher in order to win souls. Pastoral work is of no value unless people have been born of the Spirit. God's program is first soul saving, and next building the saved up in the faith. No one is saved by keeping the law. It's purpose is to show us our sinfulness, and to bring us to Christ. None are saved by an example life or good works. Salvation is an unmerited favor. It can not be earned, bought or achieved. It is "the free gift of God" (Romans 5:15).

Are We on the Firing Line?

Will we stand on the firing line side by side at God's command to love and cherish, and help each other that we may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May God help us as Christians to love and trust Him more each day we live. The Prophets of Old prophesied that Jesus would be born of a virgin and His name should be called Immanuel which meant "God with us." Jesus lived and reigned here on earth a little over 33 years, that we might have life by faith in Him. He died for all, but all will not accept Him. While man became dead in sin yet God still loved us so much that He gave his Son, Jesus Christ.

We should not be over anxious about having our ways about material things of this world. We should be anxious to stand up for the things that Jesus stood for and condemn the things that Jesus was against. While He was here on earth He chose twelve apostles and sent them out into the world to preach, heal and cast out devils in His name. This world is God's great vineyard and this vineyard is as broad as man, woman, boys and girls have ever lived in, and if I know what the work is for, the Christians are to work in His vineyard. The plants in the vineyard are the unsaved people, therefore, we Christians are to work and pull together to lead the unsaved to Jesus Christ. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we should live a Christ like life, and by the help of God live a life that would be pleasing to God, that we might help some weak Christian to become stronger, and that sinners might be led to Christ and that we might live in a way that our lives might be as a light set on a hill, which cannot be hid. We should be careful not to offend anyone. I know I'm not perfect by any means, there is room for me to mend my ways, but God's ways are always right. There is not but two things we can do about it

and that is to accept it or reject it. What will we do about it?

I've never believed that man or woman ever lived to be perfect in this life. The Bible tells us that Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and that he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. James 5: 17, 18.

We should not stone our brothers and sisters to death as Stephen was stoned. He called upon God and said Lord Jesus receive my spirit, and then he cried with a loud voice, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:59, 60). My dear brothers and sisters, I believe we can stone our brothers and sisters to death spiritually speaking. We should be careful as to how we treat our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. I hope and trust that God forbid that I should want to have my way as some might think. Let's tell the truth and say Lord have your way, and Thy will be done and not mine. We may be few in number, but I am glad there is someone somewhere, who sees the Holy Bible as we see it. We see in the Holy Bible men at God's command and won the battle over a mighty host of people where Gideon took three hundred without firing a gun. Gideon believed he was right and trusted in God and God brought it to pass (Read Judges 6th and 7th chapters). We believe that we are right, because the Holy Bible is in our sight to read and study both day and night.

J. C. Bush, Sr.
Colquitt, Georgia

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matthew 24:42.

*Saints by the power of God are kept,
Till his salvation come:
We walk by faith as strangers here,
Till Christ shall call us home.*

The Promise for Lazy Christians That Are Neither Cold Nor Hot

"I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 2:11). So we can plainly see why a church member in this stage has no blessings from God. We can see the devil's crowd doing all in their power to destroy your boy and your girl. Every inducement that can be thought of, shows, whiskey, dancing, bathing pools—all the devil's workers saying, come this way. So many enjoyments, and no time to go to church.

Brother, Sister, they are trying to destroy your boy or your girl. Don't you see them? If you don't see them, you can hear of it. Did your boy or girl tell you what a time they had, and who were there, and how late it was when they came in? O! People if we just knew as the Lord does how many every day close their eyes in death unsaved, we might be more careful about getting on our job and not be so lazy. We can not even go to church on Saturday. Too busy. The good Lord wants you to wake up and get busy and talk to those boys and girls. Tell them the Lord wants them not to go that way, that you don't want them lost. If you cannot talk don't think you would have any influence. Send someone to warn them. Work a day for someone so they can go and try to see if they cannot influence one soul to repent.

The Lord is watching you stand and look at His people go astray, and you not move your hand. Can you blame him for saying, "He will spew you out of his mouth?" No, you know you are guilty. Listen, Brethren and Sisters, there are at least five thousand girls between the age of sixteen and twenty-two hitchhiking across the nation and swarming through hobo jungles. O People! See how the devil has got them drifting, and you too lazy to say, "Come back, or go and get them preacher and get them to come back." No! too much for me. I

cannot do anything with them. I am so disgusted, I won't go to church today. Say, you are a member of the church? O yes! Well what kind of work does the Lord have for you to do? I really don't do anything. Too lazy.

Brethren, the Lord wants you to get on your job. He says the harvest is fully ripe. Brother, Sister, do you feel like you have ever been the cause of a soul being saved? Brother, if some one wanted you to pick cotton, would you stand in his patch all day and not pick a boll? So will you come over on the Lord's side and just set down and not tell anyone how great the Lord is and try to get them over there with you? O People, it is time to wake up. The Lord may call you tomorrow to give an account of yourself. I would be glad I could sound it over the radio where every boy and girl on the face of the earth could hear it and come back to the Lord and repent of their sins or else they will be forever lost in hell. Do as the Prodigal Son did. See your error and return before it be everlastingly too late.

The Lord is a jealous God. He doesn't want the devil to destroy his people and a Christian that doesn't care for the devil destroying God's people, his lamp is nearly out.

So you had better recruit up your oil, for you won't have time when the bridegroom is called, then the door will be shut on you. So you had better make ready while you have the time to see the door is open to you. So this is hoping some poor unsaved boy or girl will take this warning.

Yours truly,
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He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.—Psalm 102:17.

*He frees the soul condemned to
death,
And when his saints complain,
It sha'n't be said, that "praying
breath
Was ever spent in vain."*

A Letter from Florence, South Carolina

Dear Baptist Readers:

This is to say that I am active in the service for the Lord here in South Carolina. I have not had the time to write any it seems in a long time. We are living on the farm near Florence and like it here very much. We have plenty of work to do raising hogs, chickens, milk, butter, vegetables and the like. We enjoy it too. However, it does not give us the time for our church work like we should do. I am like Paul was when he stopped to make tents. He did that so as to be able to carry on his mission work among the gentiles.

I have one church and I preach there on the First and Third Sundays in each month. We are trying to do a very good work in the Little Star church. We have some very fine people there. We are back in the county in which the writer grew up years ago.

We have been right well revived in the South Carolina Conference. (This is not a State body.) But last fall I was elected moderator of our conference, and we had a very good session. The orphanage work is being thought of very much by some of our good people. It is talked of very much. Let us hope that this will be a means to bring our people into a state organization.

We read with interest the many letters and reports from the field, and we see the need of more preachers, like Hollis, McAdams, and others who are doing good work as evangelists. If we have ever needed good evangelists in the field, it is now. We had a fake evangelist last fall in our churches, bringing confusion and trouble. We need the names of our National Evangelists published in our National Association Directory. A fake preacher will go to weak churches and kill them. We need to know who a man is and what he stands for before, and where he is from before we put him in our pulpits to preach the gospel.

Brother Griffin, your article on the growth of our church was certainly good. One church member had asked me if the Free Will Baptist Church was not dying. As soon as I saw that article, I read it to my congregation. I am glad that our church is growing.

I extend my best wishes to all the ministers and good friends in the several states.

Yours in His name,

Rufus Hyman

"Now or When, Ministers"

By REV. ROBERT A. CRAWFORD,
*Chairman of Educational
Board of Alabama*

Are you reading and heeding the appeals from the National Board Chairman? I trust you will be responsive to these appeals, they are worthy of your most careful consideration. These appeals are on your hands and you cannot refuse to heed them. Please read I John 3:16-18. We must take notice to our young ministers now or we will not attract them to us in the future. The past of our church is not to be recalled with a great deal of satisfaction, we can look up and to the future with faith.

Rev. J. R. Davidson asked me to make an appeal as a young minister for our college. I am interested in all phases of our church work. I respond to them all personally. I have already spent a large sum of money in getting an A. B. Degree that I wish could have been spent in a Free Will Baptist college.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, "After our young men who are preparing for the ministry mix in college with our future lawyers, doctors, merchants etc. they want to be of another line of work other than the ministry." He also said, "Our large religious colleges have lost their zeal and passion for lost souls, which was Christ's mission to earth. To seek and save the lost." He seemed to think, if the world is saved through the ministry, the ministers will come

from smaller denominational colleges. Then here is a place for the Free Will Baptists to step in and do things. The people are starving for the Gospel story. We can have a college to help prepare young ministers if we want it.

I have heard some promising young ministers say, if the Free Will Baptist folks would do anything I would like to join in with them for His glory. You have a wonderful doctrine. Now, don't say they would not, for they would. They do not feel so pleased with their church but they cannot afford to come to us with no more than we have to offer. My, but we need something to help attract. We can offer anyone a good future if they will make it. Really the doctrine of our church or its theology is about all that is attractive to me. I do not endorse the practices as a whole of the past.

We have now and have had in the past some ministers that are against Leagues, Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Leagues, Sunday Schools, Ladies' Aids, etc. in Ala. I pity and pray for them. Some will say use more tact with them. I say so, too. May God give us more tact in His work.

Now, don't say we have sufficient schools today. Yes, I have been to one of them. I was an assistant to the head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion for two years at the University of Alabama. I know what you get in a State University, what you get will not hurt, but help you if you are determined to live for Him. The head of the Department was a fine Christian gentleman, but some of the philosophies were too rotten to speak of. I came out of these experiences believing in the old-time Holy Ghost heart-felt religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Some of my friends went wild over the half-informed teachings of the philosophies and modern sciences. Some of the ministerial students took up unsound beliefs for views of life. Some of them decided to be educators, sociologists, psychologists, etc. If our people

of the Free Will Baptist Church knew what was being taught in our colleges, you would give them a place to attend school. Do you ministers and church people want young men to continue in this manner of education?

The Lord has told me that He would have the needed supplies for our college if some of His stewards would return some talents they were holding that belong to Him. You had better awake and give of your time, talents and money. The angel at the Ascension said He was coming back, also He, Himself said he was coming back. A college for the Free Will Baptist folks is one of the preparations we must soon make for His immediate return.

I blame you ministers for a young minister like myself having to even write an article like this one. I am asking that all of you ministers, especially you of Alabama, to look to God and follow the great command of not only preaching, but teaching all nations. He said He would be with us not only preaching, but teaching all nations. He said He would be with us in this all important work. When the people of our land are taught they will stand by every board and phase of our work.

I endorse all the articles for our people, especially Sister J. E. Frazier's article of the January 24th issue.

Please, please hear these appeals and send all money for education to Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas.

F. W. B. Orphanage Alumni Notes

By W. H. Howell

I had a very pleasant visit at the Orphanage on the week-end of February 11. Tentative plans were made for our home coming which is to be held about the first of May. We hope to be able to announce in our next article definite plans about "Home Coming."

I am very much discouraged about not hearing from more of the chil-

dren. Please let us hear from you and give us any information about yourself or about any of the other former children. We want to be sure and get in touch with every former child before "Home Coming." Any information you can give which will aid us in doing this will be greatly appreciated.

Notes

Kathleen Earwood writes us from Marion, N. C., that she is now married. She is now Mrs. Estus Cook, Marion, N. C., Route 4, c/o Tom Ward.

Walter Croom was also a visitor at the Orphanage this week-end and we were glad to give him a lift most of the way back to Campbell College.

Woodrow Carter is now an attendant at Caswell Training School at Kinston, N. C. We learn that he is making a great success.

Fannie Holland (Mrs. Wilbur Garriss, Ayden, N. C., Route 1) is married and filling an honorable place in her community and church. She will be glad to hear from any of the former children.

Norma Gray Warrick (Mrs. Clayton Weeks, Dunn, N. C.) is happily married and doing well.

Horace Mixon is married and living with Mr. Ralvin McLeod near Dunn, N. C. Horace has two nice children, a boy and a girl.

John Linton, who is now a ministerial student at Wake Forest, recently filled appointments at Pleasant Grove and Kenly churches. We are predicting that John has great success awaiting him in his field of service.

Please let us hear from you and plan now to attend "Home Coming" day in May.

Send your membership fee to: Mrs. Frank Hollowell, Goldsboro, N. C., Route 2.

My address is: W. H. Howell, c/o Crystal Lake Hotel, Lakeview, N. C.

Poems of Sunshine and Shadow

By Loy Everette Ballard

I. HE LEADETH ME

"He leadeth me"—by the cataract,
Where the waters rush and roar,
And I think that peace and quietness
Will never be mine any more!
But—"He leadeth me"—and just
beyond
I find the still waters of love:
And quieter they seem because of
the roar
Of the cascade up above!

"He maketh me to lie down"—on a
stone,
Sometimes, in the desert bare:
But in the night I dream sweet
dreams,
And angels meet me there:
And my soul is given a vision rare—
Which no mortal eye has seen—
And, just beyond my bed of stone,
I find the "pastures green!"

II. KEEP QUIET!

When the intemperate talk of others
Make you want to fight . . .
Keep Quiet!
When men wrangle and dispute,
Each claiming to be right . . .
Keep Quiet!
When you are in the deep darkness,
And can't see the light . . .
Keep quiet!
Some gentle voice you may hear say,
"This is right . . ."
If you keep quiet!

III. JOHN 3:16

God so loved—Oh, wondrous tho't!
The world—How could it be?
That He gave—willingly, freely,
His Son—for you and me!
That whosoever—(everyone of us!)
Believeth—simply trusting all!
In Him—the precious Christ alone!
Should not perish—Oh, hear the call!
But have—our own forever more!
Eternal life—that will never be o'er!

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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Notice

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention will be held in the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church Monday, March 4 at 10 a. m. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson

Winter Green Ladies Aid Report

The Ladies Aid Society of Winter Green Church held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Lizzie A. Daugherty on February 24 at three o'clock in the afternoon. Although the Aid had been meeting at the church for the past few years, it was decided to change and to hold the meetings in the homes of the Aid members for the next few months. Therefore, this first meeting was requested to be held in the home of the oldest living member of the church, Sister Lizzie A. Daugherty.

The meeting was called to order and the following persons were present: Mesdames Sallie Wood, Hannah Adams, Rachel Matthews, Bessie Daugherty Mary Tilghman, Janie Wetherington, Nannie Wetherington, Letha Civils, Abbie Moore, Julia Lane, Lizzie Wood, and Rev. R. B. Spencer, our pastor.

The society entered into the devotions in the spirit of worship and the program was very effectively rendered by all who took part. The next matter that came before the society was the regular routine of business. All entered heartily into this part of the work. Different members discussed freely each item of business that came up. Quite a

bit of interest was shown in this part of the work. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Abbie Moore on March 23 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

At the closing of the business of the Aid, Rev. R. B. Spencer made a short talk on the behalf of the Aid and its work. He stressed the importance of the Aid members making the devotions in each meeting deeply spiritual and very effective in the study of the lesson or program. He also emphasized the value of the business period of the Aid to be carried out in a strict business manner—that is, doing things in order and to the point. His suggestions were appreciated very much.

As a note of interest to the Baptist readers, perhaps, may we say that Sister Lizzie A. Daugherty took great interest and delight in listening to the proceedings of the meeting. She was 85 years old on September 17, 1939, and is the only living charter member of Winter Green church. She took membership at Winter Green 55 years ago. Rev. William Slaughter organized the church about that time, and she and her husband moved their membership from Core Creek Free Will Baptist church to Winter Green (which was established close by where they were living) to help the ten or fifteen other charter members to build up the church in their home community. All of her children are members with her at Winter Green. Also several of her grandchildren are members there. She is an ardent believer in the Ladies Aid Society, and she spoke encouragingly of it and the good work which it is doing for the church and community, and requested the ladies to hold another meeting with her sometime in the near future.

After the Aid closed its meeting, the hostess with her daughter-in-law served a delicious course of refreshments, and all sat in a circle around enjoying the social hour together. It was indeed a treat to all present to be thrown together with Sister Daugherty in a social conversation, and to listen to her jovial words to the group.

Mrs. Sallie Wood, *Pres.*,

Mrs. Hannah Adams, *Secy.*

To the Aid Societies of the Eastern District

It has now been almost a year since we held our last Convention. Surely during this period we have had much time to either lag behind in our work or move forward in leaps and bounds. I trust the latter may be applied to every Auxiliary.

Report blanks have been mailed out and I hope that each society will remember that our reports and donations are supposed to be doubled from what they have been here-to-fore, since we did not have a meeting in September. I trust that we shall come to the Convention with reports for this past year we will feel proud of and that the Master can smile his approval upon.

If there is a society which has not received a report blank, please notify me at once so that I may be able to get one to you in time.

Let's make this the best and the biggest convention in the history of our work.

Mrs. E. L. Mallard

Notice

I am asking all of our local Stewardship Directors in the Eastern District to please let me have your reports as soon as possible. Also let me know if you are sponsoring the Declamation Contest.

I am looking forward to having a good report from each local society.

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth,
Davis, North Carolina,
Dist. Pres. of Stewardship

Pilgrim's Rest Aid Report

Our society met on January 24 at the home of Mrs. Daisy Goodwin. The president of the local society being absent, the president of the Branch Society acted as president.

After singing an hymn, "The Kingdom Is Coming," the president read the fourth Chapter of St. John's Gospel, and the secretary led in prayer. The roll was then called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, meetings since November 28, 1939. We have received since that time for dues and surprise packages \$6.80.

We had read 633 chapters in the Bible; 134 sick visits made; sent 3 baskets.

The Branch Society has the following report: 953 chapters read in the Bible; 115 sick visits made; sent 3 baskets and collected for dues and surprise packages \$10.40.

The local society held its annual meeting last Wednesday, February 7, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Beatrice Lupton, president; Mrs. Mollie Goodwin, vice-president; Mrs. Maud Lupton, secretary; and Mrs. Sadie Lupton, treasurer.

Mrs. Beatrice Lupton, Pres.

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Aid met at the home of Mrs. Isaac Furlough on February 6 for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Loomis Furlough called it to order, the president being absent. The opening song was sung and the scripture lesson was taken from Ezekiel 37. Then the Lord's Prayer was repeated.

The secretary called the roll with 7 members present and dues collected amounted to \$1.10. The other dues was 70 cents. The activities of the society were as follows: 116 chapters read in the Bible; 21 sick visits made; 3 trays taken to the sick.

With the business over, the society closed until the next time in course. The Stewardship Committee

then rendered a very interesting program, and all members present enjoyed it very much.

Refreshments were served by the hostess after the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, Cor.-Secy.

The Leaguer's Corner

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Whether we have realized it or not, Camp Leach week is near at hand. Already some young people have written in asking for details of the 1940 "retreat" of our young folks. You just watch this corner for the next few weeks and we are going to surprise you with news—good news—as soon as possible.

The program for the State League Convention is under way also. This is going to be a great meeting and if you are not there, you will be the losers.

What did you think of our suggestions last week? Can you profit by any of them? This week we offer some hints for the general worship service or the opening of the league each week. Here they are:

Some Helpful Suggestions

1. Start your meeting off differently each Sunday night. Sometimes have a song; sometimes a prayer. The first verse of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," "Into My Heart," and "Breathe On Me, Breath of God," are good songs to use as calls to worship. Try the following to the tune of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord":

"Reverence my Temple
I am thy Lord,"
He hath commanded,
Thus in his word.
Help us dear Master;
Reverent to be
Make all our service,
Pleasing to thee.

2. Act reverently yourself (lead-

er) before you expect your members to.

3. "Variety is the spice of life." Use it.

4. *Properties.* It is a good thing to have a few properties always on hand to help you in putting over a good program. Try a movable blackboard, an extension cord, varicolored crepe papers, a table, sheets, etc.

Next week we will discuss ways to make the program interesting. Of course, no program will succeed without every member on program co-operating. Prepare well your part. Give your topic like a man. Consider your program and your part important enough to pray over it, work hard on it, be proud of it, and do your best for it. Remember, no one can do what you can do and the best way to give a part on program is to give it like you only can give it. Just be yourself. Listen:

*"Don't be what you ain't;
Jes' be what you is;
'Cause if you is not what you am,
Den you am not what you is;
If you is jes' a little tadpole,
Don't try to be a frog;
If you is jes' the tail,
Don't try to wag the dog.
You can always pass the plate
If you can't exhort an' preach;
If you is jes' a pebble,
Don't try to be a beach.
Don't be what you ain't,
Jes' be what you is,
'Cause the man that plays it square
is
A'gwine to get his.
It ain't what you has been,
It's what you now am is!"*

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

What If We Had?

(Continued from page three)

"Listen! preachers, deacons, church officials and all auxiliary officials; together with the entire brotherhood, will you not give us your loyal co-operation? Sit down right now and write out your check, and get it off on the next mail. We are depending on you.

Program

The following is the program of the Albemarle Union and the Sunday School Convention which will meet with the church at Union Grove, Beaufort County, on the Fifth Saturday and Sunday in March.

Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Rev. D. M. Radcliff
- 10:15—Appointment of committees
 - Calling the list of ministers and reading of minutes of last meeting
- 10:30—Calling the list of churches
 - Receiving their reports
- 11:00—Sermon by Rev. Duff Toler
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotional by D. R. Harris
- 1:30—Resumption of business
 - Petitions for the next union
 - General discussion for the good of the union
- 2:45—Adjournment

Evening Service

- 7:30—League meeting and program by Free Union League

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Devotional by Rev. J. P. Woodard
- 10:15—Reading the minutes of the last meeting
 - Calling the list of Sunday Schools
- 10:45—Miscellaneous business
- 11:00—Doctrinal sermon by Rev. C. J. Harris
 - Collection of the Orphanage
- 12:15—Adjournment for lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotional by Rev. E. C. Morris
 - Finishing of the business
 - Awarding banners
- 2:15—Adjournment

Rev. J. P. Woodard,
J. A. Harris, *Committee*

Note Concerning Sunday School Convention

Dear Friends in Christ:

Today, I'm glad to report victory in my soul, and am still longing to know more about Jesus and His wonderful power. I, sincerely, desire the prayers of each one who knows Christ in the forgiveness of sins. Pray for my husband that he, too, will give his heart to the Lord.

In regards to the Last Sunday School Convention, of the Lower South Carolina Conference, held with New Prospect Church, I will make a short report.

The Church at New Prospect was filled to its capacity and overflowing. The wonderful power of the Holy Ghost was there in each program. It was a time of rejoicing. I feel that it was the oneness of the Spirit and the co-operation of the ministers which made it thus. There were eleven ministers present. I truly praise the Lord for them and hope that they will continue to pres-

ent themselves at each Convention. The next Convention will convene with Little Lamb.

There was a motion adopted by a majority that Brother Willard Howell continue as Field Worker and Edna Williams Pope as Secretary-Treasurer. Too, a motion was carried that each Superintendent see that each member of his Sunday School pay ten cents to the Convention in order to defray the expenses thereof. A Program Committee was appointed. The committee was to make out a program for the Convention to work up to. I was chosen chairman of the committee, therefore shall have the program published. Too, as Secretary of the Convention, I am going to mail a copy of the program and a report blank to each Sunday School.

Pray for me that I might be that instrument which the Lord can use as He sees best.

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Gethsemane: Triumph Through Surrender

(Lesson for March 10)

Lesson: Matthew 26:30-56.

Golden Text Illuminated: "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39).

"We see not, know not, all our way is night:

With Thee alone is day.

From out the torrent's troubled drift

Above the storm our prayers we lift

Thy will be done." —WHITTIER.

But it was necessary for Him to pray in order to win the victory over Satan. It is generally admitted that if Satan could have killed the Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, that he would have done it: that as a matter of fact, he did try to kill Him. In Hebrews 5:7 we have this record of what happened in connection with the prayer of our text: "Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared." It is easy to see why Satan would not want us to do God's will. What is more, he will interfere whenever he can and his great opportunity is the human will; it is so easy for the child of God to refuse to do what God wants. —H. M. H.

All those who journey, soon or late
Must pass within the Garden's gate;
Must kneel alone in darkness there
And battle with some fierce despair.
God pity those who cannot say—
'Not mine, but Thine'; who only say,
'Let this cup pass, and cannot see
The purpose of Gethsemane.

Gethsemane, Gethsemane,
God help us through Gethsemane!"

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I. PRACTICAL POINTS

1. The way to Calvary runs thru Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36).

2. The fact of Christ's sufferings in Gethsemane is established in the mouth of three witnesses (vs. 37).

3. The praying Saviour is looking for watching disciples (vs. 38).

4. The sleeping Christian is never a praying Christian. To pray you have to be awake and alert (vss. 39, 40).

5. There is no power in the place of prayer unless it is used for prayer (vs. 40).

6. Jesus "went a little farther" than man ever went; than man ever can go (vs. 39).

7. One of our duties in the darkness of this world is to watch (vs. 41).

8. We may not escape temptation, but we need not enter into it if we watch and pray (vs. 41).

9. The prayer that pleases God is the prayer that is submissive to His will (vs. 39).

10. Prayer prepares for the conflict with, and victory over, the powers of darkness (vss. 46).—J. C. T.

II. ADDITIONAL HINTS

1. Christians prepare for spiritual crises through prayer. Jesus wondrously triumphed in His crucifixion crisis, while the Apostles failed. His triumph was saturated with prayer. Their defeat was characterized by prayerlessness. A well-known evangelist failed in a crisis. His wife told of the prayerlessness of his life for months preceding the crisis. Life's daily routine, strengthened by continuous, persistent prayer with no crisis in view, gives needed safe and helpful preparation for any expected or unexpected crisis.—W. M.

2. "One might as well rush into the street unclothed because he had no time to dress, or into battle unarmed because he had no time to secure his weapons, as to go forth to the experience of any day without taking time to pray" (Spurgeon).

3. The agony of Gethsemane argues the dreadful guilt of sin. The cup Christ was to drink on Calvary was the cup of the wine of wrath of God poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation against sin, which cup He began to taste in Gethsemane.

Be sure to read Psalm 75:8 and Revelation 14:10.

The cup of wrath Jesus was to drink, is revelation of God's estimate of human sin. Sin is not a light thing in the presence of a holy God. Could we conceive of infinite holiness, then we could also conceive of the heinousness of human sin. Could we conceive what God is like, then we could also conceive what sin is like.

The cup which Christ had to drink on Calvary, it will be observed, was an unmixed cup; that is, there was to be no mercy mixed with it. But it was a cup of mixture—the wine of God's wrath was poured into the cup of His indignation. And in anticipation of this cup and under the intense pressure of the power of satanic forces, the Lord Jesus was in intense agony. And what terrible agony it must have been! Gethsemane, we affirm, reveals the dreadful evil and guilt of sin. Let us ponder this well and deeply.—W. S. H.

4. The Advanced and Senior Quarterlies should be studied for many more truths. Also read I Corinthians 13. Gethsemane and Calvary spell God's Love to you and me.

Quiet, Lord, my froward heart;
Make me teachable and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art,
Like a little weaned child:
From distrust and envy free,
Pleased with all that pleases thee.

News from Pilgrim's Rest Church, Lola, N. C.

Dear Baptist Readers:

As it has been quite a while since we have let our friends hear from us at Pilgrims Rest we decided to write again and let folks know we are still alive and working for the glory of God.

We have as our pastor, Brother W. L. Jernigan of Bladenboro, and we feel very fortunate in securing the service of Brother Jernigan. He is a man sent from God to warn the people of the danger of living in sin. He preaches the word of God in its purity. It is food for our hungry souls. The Bible teaches us, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." We enjoy his message in songs. Especially we parents enjoy the songs he sings with the children, and they enjoy it too. Since Brother Jernigan has been with us even the small children have learned to sing the "Books of the Bible" from Genesis to evelations. We feel like Brother Jernigan has done a great work for us, even though he has only been with us a few times.

We have a very good Sunday School and prayer meeting. We have prayer meeting each Sunday afternoon and on Wednesday nights. The attendance has not been so good recently owing to the bad weather and sickness.

We also have two very good Ladies Aid Societies. The people living in the Roe community have a Branch Society from ours. It is more convenient for them and also for us, some of us live about four miles apart. They only have nine members and they are doing a good work. We have sixteen members and are doing good work. We would be more than glad if more of our church members would join our society and help us out. We are putting forth, seemingly, every effort we can to keep the good work going.

We are asking the prayers of all

Christian people to remember us in their prayers.

Humbly submitted,

Mrs. Beatrice Lupton

Program

Program of the Second Union of the Central Conference to be held with Cedar Grove Church in Martin County, March 30, 1940.

- 9:30—Devotions by Rev. Heber Joyner
- 9:45—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates and general business period
- 10:30—Temperance, and its value, by Rev. D. A. Windham
- 11:00—Song service and sermon by Rev. C. H. Denton
- 12:00—Dinner.
- 1:00—Devotions led by Sister Ethel Moye
- 1:15—Business period
- 2:00—Round Table talks for the welfare of the Church and Home
- 3:00—Adjournment

Rev. D. W. Alexander,
Rev. W. B. Nobles,
E. C. Hines, Committee

We should all be willing to suffer anything that the Lord sees fit to lay upon us. Jesus suffered all—even death on the cross. And oh, what a cruel thing it was for Him to suffer so!

It was all because the people did not believe the word of God. Christ teaches that if any of us are weary or sick, we have His call. Read Matthew 11:28. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Is not that a wonderful promise? We find in Romans 10:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God to them who are called according to his purpose."

We should have faith in God before we go to Him in prayer for anything, for works without faith is dead. Jesus said that He would come back some day. Therefore, let all of us keep our lamps trimmed and burning, so we can hear Jesus say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

Mrs. Venie Rhodes,
Columbia, N. C.

Our Bodies Living Temples of God

We shall bear in mind that God created man in His own image, and our bodies are temples of God. He is merciful, just and good to all who will abide in Him. Read I Corinthians 6:19. "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own."

We do not own anything, for all we have belongs to God. Read I Corinthians 6:20. "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Jesus died on the cross and paid the price to redeem our souls from sin.

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for January, 1940

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1940.....	\$2172.37
Nash County Commissioners.....	75.00
Religious Organizations.....	523.28
Individuals.....	66.76

Total\$2837.41

Expenditures

Salaries.....	\$126.53
Office Supplies.....	11.05
Insurance.....	280.00
Conference Expenses.....	20.75
Adjustments.....	15.22
Food.....	202.36
Clothing.....	47.05
Household.....	82.25
Travel Relating to the care of children.....	159.60
Car payment.....	27.00
Health supplies (medicine).....	9.25
Hospital bill.....	74.00
Education supplies.....	9.00

Hair cuts	10.50
Lights and fuel	90.58
Farm Supplies	72.08
Total	\$1237.37
Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1940	\$1600.04
	\$2837.41

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$2172.37
St. Mary's Grove Church, Benson	18.33
Sandy Plains Church, Duplin Co.	5.00
Goldsboro Sunday School	9.39
Nash County Commissioners	75.00
Mt. Zion Church Kannapolis	23.74
Third Union District of the Western Association (by: Hansley's Chapel, Oak Grove, Durham Co., Union Grove, Durham Co., Free Union, South View, Union Meeting	32.31
Alma Broughton, Teachers Board	10.00
Second Union of Central Conference	52.42
Cape Fear Union	13.15
Fourth Union District Auxiliary Convention	5.87
Bowditch Sunday School	5.00
Fifth Union of Eastern Conference	25.00
Third Union of Eastern Assn.	15.00
Moseley's Creek Sunday School	5.13
Pee Dee Union	1.16
F. W. B. Leagues of Rock Fish Union	1.50
First Union of the Western Assn.	20.57
Mrs. A. J. Thompson	10.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville By Superintendent	25.00
Carteret County Union	5.00
Friendship Church, Johnston Co.	2.25
Elwood Lane Church	3.50
Arapahoe Church	11.30
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Wardens Grove Sunday School	1.37
Gastonia Sunday School	4.65
Sidney Church	24.46
Albemarle Union	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00
Cedar Hill Church	1.10
Aspin Grove Church	15.65
J. C. Griffin, Senior League of Soundside Church	1.10
Albemarle Sunday School Convention and Union	56.00
Corinth Church, Martin County By Paul Waters	25.00
Snow Hill Church, Duplin County	8.00
Free Union Woman's Auxiliary Society	5.00
Parker's Chapel Sunday School	2.36
Powhatan Church	8.50
Premium Dept. (coupons)	5.76
Union Chapel Church	4.74
Union Chapel Sunday School	3.13
"Rest Home" (by Mrs. Casey Thompson and Amanda Rose	40.00
Dawsons Grove L. A. S.	5.00
British Chapel Church	4.30

Saratoga Church	2.00	Mrs. C. L. Dupree	3.00
Owens Chapel Church	18.75	L. A. S. of Lucama Church, fruit ..	20.00
White Oak Hill Church	4.00	Saratoga Church, corn	12.50
Adult League of Soundside Church ..	.55	Shady Grove Church, corn	15.00
Juniper Chapel Church	2.00		
Friendship Church, Johnston Co.	25.00	Total	\$52.75
Friendship Church, Johnston County (by Superintendent) ..	25.00		
Aid money	10.00	Aid Having Furnished Cash Adopted Child	

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Mrs. C. L. Dupree, clothing

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By "Miss" Pauline West, Secretary**PROGRAM**

Program for the Eastern Auxiliary Convention to be held with the church at Beulaville on March 21, 1940.

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotionals led by Mrs. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton
 9:45—Welcome address—Mrs. S. A. Smith of Beulaville
 —Response by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth of Davis
 10:00—Enrollment of ministers and delegates
 —Reading of minutes of previous Convention
 —Report of Aid societies and other organizations
 —Appointment of Committees
 10:45—Report of Mission Director—Mrs. J. H. Oglesby
 Missionary Program
 11:30—Memorial Service led by Mrs. J. W. Overman
 12:00—Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional service and Declamation Contest
 1:30—Report of delegates from other Conventions
 —Report of delegates to various Conventions
 1:45—Report of Field Director
 —Report of Director of Education
 —Report of Director of Superannuation
 —Report of Director of Publications and Literature
 —Report of Stewardship Director
 2:00—Talk on Orphanage by Rev. M. E. Tyson
 2:15—Report of Orphanage work by Mrs. J. W. Overman
 —Report of Finance and Apportionment Committee
 —Treasurer's Report
 —Miscellaneous Business
 —Election of officers and installation services
 —Benediction

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Rev. Henry Melvin, *General Sec. Young
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N. C.

Rev. Winford Davis, *Sec. of S. S.*, Mo-
nett, Mo.

Mrs. Rose Bowen, *President Women's
National Auxiliary Convention*, 2513 Club
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Miss Lola Johnson, *Rec. Sec. Women's
Nat. Aux. Conv.*, Alma, Ga.

Mrs. T. B. Mellette, *Cor. Sec. Women's
Nat. Aux. Conv.*, Blakely, Ga.

Mrs. Fannie E. Polston, *General Sec.
Women's Nat. Work*, 318 Woodland St.,
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Rev. Thos. H. Willey, *Missionary to
Panama*, Box 861, Balboa, C. Z.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, *Missionary
to India*, "Springhill," Kotagiri, South
India.

Miss Bessie Yeley, *Missionary to South
America*, Upata, Venezuela, So. America.

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Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Pres. N. C. State
Aux. Conv.*, Goldsboro, N. C.

Rev. W. L. Moretz, *Sec. Treas.*, N. C.
State Foreign Missions, Swannanoa, N. C.,
and P. O. Box 215, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Mrs. Herman Nobles, *Treas., Aux. Con-
vention*, Greenville, N. C.

Mrs. J. P. Barrow, *Cor. Sec., N. C. State
Aux. Conv.*, Snow Hill, N. C.

Mrs. S. T. Farish, *Director Anna
Phillips Educational Loan Fund*, Ayden,
North Carolina.

Mr. R. C. Baggett, *Secy. S. C. State
Assn.*, Turbeville, S. C.

My Trust

I trust Him for my daily bread,
The keeping of my precious dead,
The wiping out of all my sin,
My going out, my coming in.

Within the anguish of my mind
His purpose and His love I find,
Nor will He fail to give me strength
Which meets the need of each day's
length.

In the day and in the night,
In the darkness and the light,
I trust the guidance of His hand
Through ways I cannot understand.

Until at last, earth's shadows gone,
I shall awake some glorious dawn,
And in the brightness of His face
Begin to understand His grace!

—Martha Snell Nicholson.

—Sel.

Church Directory

(NATIONAL ASSOCIATION)

Rev. James F. Miller, *Moderator*, Flat
River, Missouri.

"Preach the Word"

ELD. J. G. ROBERTS, 21 East Tuscaloosa Avenue, Alabama City, Alabama

God said that heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away. The apostle Paul said in I Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the earth, and shall be turned unto fables."

In I Timothy, chapter four, Paul tells us that in the latter days some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, doctrines of devils and speaking lies—having their conscience seared as with a hot iron. Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving, if it is sanctified by the word of God. We find in I Peter, the second chap-

ter, where Peter tells of false teachers that will come. He tells us to beware of them when they promise you liberty. They themselves are the servants of corruption. A man that is overcome of the same is brought into bondage, for, after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, they are again entangled with the evil one, and are overcome. Then the latter end is worse than the first. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after they have known it to turn from the holy Commandment delivered unto them. But it has happened unto them according to the true proverb: the dog has returned to his vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Can a man be lost after he has once been right? We see in this scripture the man of God told us that some would turn from the faith. They would go after the doctrines of the devils. Also he said that the latter end would be worse with them than the first. Well, if he was lost before he knew the truth, surely he must be after he has turned from it. We find in Mark 13:13 where the Lord Jesus said, "He that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved." So he that knew the truth and obeyed God's Word until He calls him out of this life is the one that will be saved. I pray that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your loving friend in Christ
Jesus,

God's Prodigality

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—II COR. 9:8.

Abundance is characteristic of God! Go forth on a spring morning, and look on the flowers with which He has carpeted the woodlands. Daisies and buttercups, primroses and cowslips in myriads, bear witness to the prodigality of His thought to fashion, His power to produce. But this profuse carpeting of the earth's nakedness is equalled in the heavens! There, depth opens beyond depth, lighted and inlaid with constellations, and the wonders of the sky answer to those of the earth.

But what shall we say of His grace? His joy is unspeakable, His peace passeth understanding, His love is beyond knowledge! Get great

thoughts of God who holds the ocean depths as a drop in the hollow of His hand, and weighs the mountains as grains of dust in His scales. Lie upon that bank of flowers, and consider their multitude; sweep the skies with a telescope and see if you can tell the stars; number the sand-grains upon the shore and count the shells strewn along the strand; and when you have considered the gifts of His hand, ascend to the wealth of His heart. Study the infinite map of God's nature; compare it with the need of your little life, and then remember that the Father loves you infinitely, so much so that for your salvation and mine He gave His only begotten Son. He has set you on high because you have known His name. All the resources of eternity and infinity are at His disposal, and He can make all grace abound toward you, that you having all sufficiency in all things, abound to every good work.

It is a very wonderful text! Count the number of universals in it. All Grace—Always! All Sufficiency! All things! God abounding to us that we may abound. —Selected by Minnie D. Mason.

Urgent Notice

I am asking all presidents of the Ladies Aids within the bounds of the Western District of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to please send to me, as early as possible, the names of the deceased members in your society since March 1939, so I can arrange the memorial service.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. D. O. Wilder,
Zebulon, North Carolina

*He frees the soul condemned to death,
And when his saints complain,
It shan't be said that "praying breath
Was ever spent in vain."*

EDITORIAL

Literature for the Second Quarter

The Sunday School literature for the second quarter is about ready for orders to be received and filled. We are indeed glad to state that the sales of the first quarter of the year were very gratifying. The new Adult quarterly sold far beyond the expectation of the Business Manager, as he was obliged to print two thousand additional copies to be able to fill all orders coming to the Press.

In this connection, we are requesting every one to place your orders for Sunday School literature early so that the Business Manager will have ample time to mail your packages to you by April the first. In case he should have to print the second time any more of the quarterlies, he would have time to do so, and fill all orders by the time they will be needed on Sunday, April 7. When many orders are delayed arriving at the Press, as is sometimes the case, the Business Manager is rushed too greatly in trying to fill them in just a short time. We are urging, therefore, that you start your orders within the next few days. This will assure you the receipt of your literature in due time, and also it will be greatly appreciated on the part of the management at the Press.

The same request may be made relative to the League literature. We are especially anxious to serve the leaguers by filling their orders on time. Also we are hopeful that they will increase their orders for the second quarter of the year. It certainly would not be a good showing for this literature to fall off from the sales made last year. We are, therefore, insisting that all of the leaguers be sure to send in their orders for their literature. They certainly need to keep up the work for

the league to grow in all of the states, and for the members to realize the most good from the study of the league booklets. The league is a means of training the youth for the service of the church, and they should by all means make the league a great training camp for the church of tomorrow.

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Auxiliary Conventions

The North Carolina Auxiliary conventions will soon be meeting in their various places. The Eastern convention will meet, according to instructions, with the Beulaville Church of March 21. The delegates and representatives to this body are looking forward to having a splendid session. Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern is the president, and is an enthusiastic worker among the different districts of the Eastern Association. The Central Auxiliary convention will meet at Piny Grove Church in Pitt County on March 27. This is expected also to be a great meeting. The officials of this body have arranged for a splendid program for the occasion. If the weather is fair, many people are expected to be present for this meeting. The ministers are expected to be present, and to show their interest and helpfulness in this work. The Western Auxiliary convention will meet on April 4, but we do not know the church designated for this meeting. This is also a very active body of Christian workers in the kingdom work. Its leaders are women of ability and zeal for the Master's cause. They are expected to launch some fine measures for the progress of the church. Quite a number of the ministers are expected to be present and to show their co-operation in this part of the church work. The Cape Fear Auxiliary will meet also about the same time,

and will have, from all indications, a fine session. They are loyal workers for Christ, and are always willing to do worthwhile things for the Lord. All of these bodies are great workers for the ongoing of the church, and are doing a great work for the denomination in the state. The ministers are proud of such a fine spirit of co-operation among the women of the church, and they, we believe, appreciate greatly the fine things they are doing for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. We hope good reports will be made to the Baptist of these gatherings. The Georgia conventions are to hold their meetings during this month. We are very glad to receive the announcement of the one to meet with Macedonia Church on Thursday, March 21, in Miller County. They are looking forward to a good meeting with many of the ministers attending the convention.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Pulpit Pastor—An aged sister said to me recently, in speaking of her pastor, "He has never been in my house but once, and I sent for him then." For years this Pastor has been going to this church and community. This preacher was busy with other things, perhaps, or was not adopted I might say, "Was not called to be a pastor." Preaching is not pastoring a church. There are some good pulpit orators who are not a bit of a pastor. To be a pastor, one must visit the sick, shut-in and the poor and needy. With his visits he must carry a message of salvation and comfort as given by the Word of God. He should pray with those whom he visits. Any unsaved man can play games and tell foolish stories—laugh and act foolish. Sick people—aged and suffering humanity—lost and dying men and women usually want a Saviour. A pastor will point them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

What Are We Doing? "Do you take offerings for the Orphanage and Missions, etc." said a good brother recently to me. "Yes" I replied. Then he said, "Our pastor does not mention such things." Perhaps, such preachers are afraid that if they take offerings for other things that these things will get all the money and they will not get what they want. There is such a thing as "preaching for money," we are told, and perhaps the fellow who will not preach for missions, orphanage work, Christian education, and the general support of the church program, wants all the money for self. Or, it may be that he needs training. It can be that he needs real old-fashion Salvation. He needs something.

What Are We Worth? When I was a young preacher—young in preaching—I held a series of meetings in a certain church. We had what we called a good meeting. A large number confessed Christ. I felt good over the results. I went back to school (I was in school in the old Seminary at Ayden) at that time. Dr. St. Claire was there, and he said, "Brother Griffin, what kind of meeting did you have?" I proceeded to tell him. Then he asked, "Well, what did they pay you?" I said "Nine dollars." Then he said, "Well we all get about what we are worth." I have thought of this conversation many times. The more I think of it, the more I realize its truth. So many of us have the title "Elder"—or whatever we may be called—have done so little that our real earnings have been a plenty. We are mighty poor stewards. Christ did so much, and we have done so little, that most of us ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

The Coming Unions—The last of March will bring the convening of various Union meetings. Some places they are called "Quarterly Meetings." As these meetings come, will they find us acting as real interested Ministers of the Gospel? Will

our churches be represented? Are we pastors urging the churches to represent in these meetings? I find some preachers, acting pastors, who never attend these meetings nor urge the church to represent. Brother, I say this tenderly, yet without compromising, you are a hindrance to the success of the church. Just as sure as you live you can never lift the church higher than the pulpit. If the leader is not interested in the program of the church, then the people will not be interested. We need the association that these meetings afford. We need to get together and talk about the work of the Lord. We need to covenant together and pledge ourselves to each other in carrying on for the Glory of God. Brother, are you a *slacker*?

Central Conference Ministers Meet

Rev. R. P. Harris, Secretary

The called meeting of the ministers of the Central North Carolina Conference was well attended on Friday afternoon at three o'clock, February 23, 1940. Seventeen ministers of the conference and one visitor, Rev. W. L. Moretz of the French Broad Association, enjoyed a much needed discussion involving three vital questions concerning our progress and concern for lost souls as a conference and as a denomination. Rev. W. L. Hart of Clayton, the moderator, acted as chairman and introduced for discussion the following issues: "Am I satisfied with what I am doing as a minister of my church, and am I satisfied with the progress my church is making?"

After the various ministers had revealed the fact that they were not, they then sought to discuss a solution. Many of the ministers offered solutions. Rev. J. C. Moye, key-speaker, emphasized a return to the Bible and an honest effort to face the issues of life from a definite Biblical point of view, and a definite

stand against wickedness and disorder, first, among the ministry, and second, among the people at large. Rev. C. J. Harris of Greenville emphasized the need of "cutting loose from the world" so that the boat upon which we are sailing may take to the waters.

The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow cited the need of our church as follows: said he, we are wasting our Lord's money because we are not organized properly. Rev. Mr. Barrow then explained that it is impossible for our ministers to pastor a church so far away from home. For an illustration he related the fact that two of his churches were about one-hundred and ten miles apart and he was not satisfied with the amount of service he was giving and that the churches were not satisfied with the amount of service they were receiving. We need to group our churches so that efficient service can be rendered.

After much discussion regarding the spiritual issues facing us it was decided by a vote of the members present to call another meeting to take place sixty days hence in the Church at Ayden. A committee of five was then appointed to draft plans for adoption next time which would revive our cause and advance our purpose to the extent that greater Christian initiative can be attained.

The ministers present were as follows: Revs. W. L. Hart, M. E. Tyson, L. B. Manning, W. A. Dail, M. Joyner, R. B. Spencer, M. A. Woodard, N. B. Barrow, Levi Humbles, N. D. Beaman, J. E. Wooten, C. J. Harris, W. G. Ennis, E. L. Abrams, J. C. Moye, R. H. Mason, R. P. Harris, and W. L. Moretz.

*In the furnace God may prove thee,
Thence to bring thee forth more
bright;
But can never cease to love thee,
Thou art precious in his sight:
God is with thee,
God thine everlasting light.*

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,
New Bern, N. C.

Aid Report of Sidney Church

The Aid met on February 15 at the church, and the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Katie Roper, president. The members all joined in singing the opening hymn. Then the members repeated together the Lord's Prayer. The president then read the third chapter of Revelation, and our pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten led in prayer.

The following activities were entered into during the month. There were 21 members and two visitors. The dues amounted to \$3.35, and a free-will offering was taken to the amount of fifty cents. After drawing out some money for the sick, we have in the treasury \$4.00. There were 153 chapters read in the Bible; ten sick visits made; five trays carried to the sick. Since there was no other business to transact, Rev. Herman Wooten made a fine talk which was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Cook pronounced the benediction.

The next meeting will be held on the fourteenth of March. After the meeting closed the hostess served refreshments.

Laura Hill, *Secretary*

Central Auxiliary to Meet

The most of you have realized, I am sure, that the time for the meeting of our Central Auxiliary is fast approaching. It will convene with Piny Grove Church in Pitt County on March the twenty-seventh.

I wish to notify all auxiliaries in the Central District to please make out your reports, and mail them to the proper vice-presidents in time

for them to make out their reports to the District Convention. For us to have a successful convention everyone must do her part.

The following is a list of the vice-presidents:

First, Miss Elizabeth Warren, Greenville, N. C.; Second, Mrs. Joe Barber, Maury, N. C.; Third, Mrs. N. A. Clark, Greenville, N. C.; Fifth, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Stantonsburg, N. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. Brantley Speight, Winterville, N. C.

Yours for Christian service,
Mrs. Frank Shirley, *Pres.*

North Zulch Society News

The women of the North Zulch, Texas, Free Will Baptist church met in their missionary society semi-monthly meeting February 14 at the home of Mrs. A. F. Ford.

The meeting began with the singing of several songs then prayer was offered, the main thought was: "Who is our Neighbor." The lesson was used from the Year-Book of programs, the subject being, *Our Needy Neighbors*. It was very ably given by Rev. R. C. Wiggs. The devotional closed with prayer.

The business period was opened with the reading of the minutes and roll call. There were 13 members and one visitor present, with two dollars and sixty cents dues. We are making a friendship quilt, and the amount we raised from the names will be added to our building fund, which is growing right along. The women really see the need of a better equipped building. There was four dollars given to foreign missions. We voted to pay two dollars quarterly to missions. The society voted to help the Sunday School pay for keeping the church in order. Our

reports were very good, lots of sick visits, trays, chapters, cards, Bibles, and other work done. We are studying the book on "Larger Stewardship" We are very proud of our society.

We discussed our declamation contest and our district convention which convenes with North Zulch church on April 3rd, 1940.

We play "Pollanna" and everyone enjoys it so much. There is a good spirit of fellowship among the members.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Claude Boswell on Wednesday after Fourth Sunday. The hostess served coffee, sandwiches and individual pies.

Written by:

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, *Pres.*

Stewardship Department Statistical Report, 1940

Church -----
Location -----
No. taking part in Stewardship Contest ----- No. Stewardship Contests conducted -----
Our Contestants are as follows:
Junior -----
Intermediate -----
Stewardship study classes held -----
Name of book -----
Stewardship talks made during the year -----
Stewardship programs held -----
No. tithers in society -----
No. new tithers this year -----
Stewardship Reading Circles conducted -----

Mail the above report when filled out properly to your local, state, or national director as your requirements may be. Get this to her in plenty of time before your meeting so that her report will be accurate. Encourage your contestants to speak in a forceful manner and judge them on the following points: suitability of material, diction, poise, manner of presentation and expression in general. The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage

tithing and to help us be better stewards in the service of our church.

Georgie Frost Barnes,
Nat'l Stewardship V.-Pres.

Important Notice

I hope all of the First Vice-Presidents will respond at once to the call which I am making for the reports of their work during this year in the Eastern Auxiliary District.

Remember, I must make my report at the coming convention which meets at Beulaville. I am asking, therefore, that you report the number of New and Renewal subscriptions to the Baptist paper; the number of New Members; the pages of religious literature distributed; and the plans, if any, for a more effective service during the coming year.

These reports must be for one year; that is, from March last year to the present. Be sure to do your best to have these reach me by March 15:

Mrs. Ed Smith,
New Bern, N. C., Route 2

Program

The following is the program of the Auxiliary Convention of the Fourth Union District of the Central Conference which is to be held at Antioch Church in Wayne County on Sunday, March 31, 1940.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. L. Hart
- Address of welcome by Mrs. James Taylor
- Response by Mrs. J. T. Her-ring
- 11:15—Song and collection taken for the Orphanage
- Sermon by Rev. W. R. Williams
- Appointment of program and finance committees
- 12:00—Dismissal for lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:20—Devotions led by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- Business session
- 2:20—Program by the Ladies Aid of Aspin Grove Church

Mrs. Murphy Edwards,
Mrs. Blanch Rouse,
Mrs. C. W. Burress, Com.

Notice

The Ladies Aid District Convention of Southwest Georgia will meet with Macedonia Church, Miller County, Georgia, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1940, at 10 a. m.; namely, March 21, 1940.

All local Ladies Aid Societies are urged to send a delegation and contribution to said convention.

It is hoped that we will have an inspiring convention with a large delegation.

Visitors are invited, and churches which do not have a society are urged to send a delegation from among its female members also.

Mrs. Dorris M. Mellette,
Secretary,
Blakely, Georgia

Program

Program of the Union Meeting of the First District, Western Association, to convene at Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, on March 30, 1940.

- 9:30—Devotions—Rev. Milford Hales
- 9:45—Address of Welcome—Mr. Fred Pittman
- 9:50—Response, Rev. J. H. Worley
- 10:00—Report of Committees on Union and Superannuation, Revs. J. A. Evans and E. G. Holland
- 10:30—Special Music—Local choir
- 10:45—Offering.
- 10:50—Orphanage Report—Rev. J. W. Alford
- 11:00—Congregational Singing—Rev. J. A. Evans

- 11:15—Sermon, Rev. J. W. Alford
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. T. Renfrow
- 1:15—Report of Education, Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- Report of Missions—Rev. Rommie Mitchell
- 1:30—List of Churches and Reports
- 2:00—Business Session
- 2:30—Special Music—Local Choir
- 2:45—Adjournment—Rev. J. S. Overman

Rev. R. N. Hinnant,
Program Committee

News from Sidney

On Monday after the Second Sunday our pastor, Rev. Hermon Wooten, came to Sidney and on Monday evening he began conducting a singing school at the Church. He continued each evening throughout the week until there were as many as fifty who attended. Those who went to listen said we really did improve in our singing. The time was much too short, however, to accomplish a great lot. Brother Wooten hopes to be with us again soon, and really help to make us the singers that any congregation would appreciate.

Remember our regular monthly services, Third Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. (this being quarterly meeting). Saturday evening at 7 o'clock the Ladies Aid will give a short program before services, Sunday a. m. at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. We have Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10, o'clock. Frank Edwards is Superintendent.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Reporter

Notice to the Churches of the Fourth Union

The Auxiliary Convention of the Fourth Union meeting district of the Central Conference will meet at Antioch Church in Wayne County on Sunday, March 31 at 11 o'clock.

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Union Meeting Report

The Union Meeting of the First District of the Western Association met in session with the Church at Holly Springs Johnston County, December 30, 1939.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Rommie Mitchell.

Following the usual opening remarks by the moderator, Brothers Arthur Creech, Ivey Batten and R. L. Pittman were appointed Finance Committee. Then the list of churches was called. A quartette that included Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. W. R. Williams, W. F. Pittman and R. L. Pittman rendered a selection. Then a song by the audience, which was followed by the 11:00 sermon by W. R. Williams.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Tilden Renfrow. An offering was taken at this time for the Orphanage. The amount received \$7.32. By motion the visiting ministers were asked to sit with us in this meeting.

By motion we have the report of the committee appointed at the last union meeting which was held at Mt. Zion.

The report is as follows:

1. That the clerk of the union be authorized to make out a new church letter.

2. That this church letter contain information desired necessary by the union from each church.

3. That the money shall be sent in to the union unapportioned.

4. That a Board of three members each be appointed by the moderator for the following:

- (1) Miscellaneous — J. A. Evans, Chairman.
 - (2) Missions — Rommie Mitchell, Chairman.
 - (3) Superannuation — E. G. Holland, Chairman.
 - (4) Education — R. N. Hinnant, Chairman.
 - (5) Orphanage—J. W. Alford, Chairman.
5. That the chairman of each of

these boards constitute the Finance and Apportionment Committee.

6. That the chairman of each of the boards be responsible for reports pertaining to his share of church work at each Union.

7. That one offering be taken at each union and placed in the treasury to be apportioned by the committee. Should however an emergency arise for more offerings the moderator at his direction may so allow.

8. That the Appropriation Committee shall study the needs of the union and church appropriate as they deem wise.

9. That a letter be sent to the clerk of the Church before each union meeting and he be asked to carefully fill it out for information.

By motion the report was adopted

By motion we send Rev. T. B. Mellette \$10.00 out of our Educational funds for the Zion Bible School.

By motion a committee be appointed to write the Obituary of Rev. S. H. Styron. Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. J. A. Evans and Brother C. S. Hinnant were appointed on this committee.

By motion we have the treasurer's report.

On hand from last union ----\$20.32
Received today for Union

Meeting -----	11.25
Education -----	5.50
Mission -----	6.00
Orphanage -----	13.25
Disabled Ministers -----	12.50
Collection for Orphanage----	7.32

Total on hand -----\$76.14

Disbursements

M. E. Tyson for Orphanage--	\$20.57
T. B. Mellette, Zion Bible School -----	10.00
Disabled Ministers -----	13.00
Church Letters -----	3.00
Moderator -----	5.00
Clerk -----	7.00

Total paid out, -----\$58.57
Balance on hand -----\$17.57

By motion we extend a vote of

thanks to Holly Springs Church and community for their hospitality in taking care of this union meeting.

The next Union meeting will be held at Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne County.

By motion the union adjourn until next time.

W. R. Williams, *Moderator*,
W. F. Pittman, *Secy.-Treas.*

Georgia Home Missions

The Home Mission Board of the Georgia State Association of the Free Will Baptist Church is endeavoring to sponsor a program of evangelistic activities in localities where there are no Free Will Baptist Churches. The Board recently purchased a tent with which our state evangelist may be able to conduct evangelistic campaigns. In order that this may be done, the Home Mission Board needs money for the functioning of its plans and reaching the multitudes of the unsaved, therefore, we think it expedient that we call upon our people in Georgia, and well-wishers elsewhere to co-operate with us in prayers, faith, and works, and by making contributions to the treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

For several weeks our evangelist, Rev. K. V. Shutes, has been preaching over the Radio Station at Thomasville, Georgia, and visiting as many churches as possible in the evenings and on Sundays, endeavoring to reach the leading constituency of the different associations in Georgia, but we also want to begin revival campaign work as early as possible, perhaps in April by our state evangelist with the tent we have for his use.

This money is needed to complete paying for the tent and for moving the tent from place to place and getting seating equipment, lighting fixtures, and to provide, if possible, for a piano. Otherwise our evangelist will have to borrow, and often be put to embarrassment. This embarrassment can be eliminated and accommodations furnished if our

constituency will rally to the support of missions and support the same.

In the past a nice sum has been raised by individual pledgers who have co-operated together and paid in a stipulated amount each month into the mission treasury. These pledgers and their contributions are listed in the minutes of the State Association of Georgia. Also, several individuals made pledges at the session held with Corinth Church last November, but only a few have made contributions according to the pledgers and amounts pledged.

May we ask all who can make a contribution to our missionary program to do so as early as possible. Those who make donations and payments on their pledges will receive credit, and a report will be made at the next session of our state association next November when the report is made by the secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board. Too, we solicit contributions from all who may and will to the support of our program in keeping our evangelist actively engaged in as many new places as we can. Churches were organized last year in two different Georgia cities, and these need new visitations and much strength, and it is hoped that we can by the help of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit organize new and needy fields this spring and summer. Christian people pray for us and our work, that our faith fail not, that our hearts be encouraged, and we pray that you will co-operate with us in our missionary work by praying, by paying, and by encouraging the work in your churches in this much needed work. Great God of the universe help our preachers and laity to become more missionary minded in prayer, faith, and works of charity.

Thomas B. Mellette,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Blakely, Georgia

(Other members of the Board are F. E. Crosby, Hazelhurst, Georgia, and W. E. Lane, Iron City, Georgia.)

We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags.—Isaiah 64:6.

Let others in the gaudy dress

Of fancied merit shine,

The Lord shall be my righteousness,

The Lord forever mine.

I count all things but loss for the

excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.—Philippians 3:8, 9.

Two Practical New Books

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The Leaguer's Corner

CLARENCE BOWEN, *Editor*,
2513 CLUB BOULEVARD,
Durham, North Carolina

This week we are going to offer some suggestions for making the programs interesting. Maybe some of these are old to you and maybe some of them are new. At least we hope you can find a little help as the weeks go by.

Remember above all the suggestions and helps, that the program material itself should be the heart of discussion. Make all your topics Christ-centered.

Birthday Program

Celebrate the birthday of the league or of some one of the members by having an appropriate program along with the regular program.

Blackboard Program

Instead of reading or announcing the speakers and parts, announce everything on the blackboard, or if a blackboard is not available, have them written on posters.

Write a Book Program

Divide your league into groups and have each take a certain period of the life of the person studied, or incident in the program, and write a short resume of it. When they are through, call for it by chapters and let one from each group read their chapters.

Baseball Program

Have your league divided into sides and conduct your baseball game for several weeks. If a member of one side goes to bat and can answer the question on the program which a member of the other side asks (the pitcher), he gets to go to first base, etc.

Banquet Program

Have your league room arranged

in banquet hall style. Have long tables arranged with chairs around them enough for every member of the league. Have plate favors at the different places to add interest. If the program is on one of the four Gospels, a good plate favor would be a copy of the gospel.
Goodbye.

God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is his Son. I John 5:11.
*How can I die when Jesus lives?
Who rose and left the dead;
Pardon and grace my soul receives
From mine exalted Head.*

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.—I John 5:12.

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Religion _____	
Occupation _____	
Church _____	
Remarks _____	
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No. 930.—Pastor's Information Card. Can be used by church members in giving information to pastor about new prospects or indifferent church members; or by pastor in making assignments for calls.

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Name	_____
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Religion	_____
Occupation	_____
Church	_____
Remarks	_____
931	

No. 931.—Pastor's Calling Record. Provides case record of each individual or family call made during year and spaces for name, address, phone, relatives, membership, dates of calls, etc.

My Prayer List	
I will pray daily for the names on the following list during the next _____ weeks.	
Name	_____
Address	_____
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Occupation	_____
Church	_____
Remarks	_____
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Notice to the Churches of the Fourth Union

(Continued from page seven)

All churches within the above mentioned union meeting district are requested to send a delegate from your Sunday School, your F. W. B. League, and Ladies Aid society. Send one delegate from each of these organizations. Have your secretary to make out a report of all work done since last meeting, which was held December the 31, 1939. Bring along with you your contributions. If you do not have all of these organizations in your church, please send a delegate to represent the ones you do have.

We sincerely hope that a great interest in the Sunday School, the League and the Ladies Aid work will be created through these meetings until each church in this union will have all of these organizations. Keep praying for the success of this work.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, *Pres.*

Program

Program of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference which is to convene at Piny Grove Church, Pitt County on Wednesday, March 27, 1940.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 9:40—Devotional—Mrs. Lillie Smith
- 9:50—Address of welcome—Mrs. Willey Crawford
- 9:55—Response—Mrs. S. T. Farish
- 10:00—Congregational singing—led by Rev. R. P. Harris
- 10:05—Message—Mrs. Lóy E. Ballard
- 10:20—Duet—Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. Chester Pelt
- 10:25—Remarks on Foreign Mission Work, Rev. W. L. Moretz
- 10:35—Business Period
- 11:30—Sermon, Rev. R. B. Spencer

11:50—Announcements

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Congregational Singing and Prayer
 - 1:10—Orphanage News—Superintendent M. E. Tyson
 - 1:25—Stewardship Contest
 - 2:00—Report of committees and election of officers
 - 2:30—Adjournment
- Mrs. Frank Shirley, *Pres.*
Mrs. Carl Barrow, *Secy.*

I Love to Sit at Jesus' Feet

I love to sit at Jesus' feet

As Mary did one day.

And with Him hold communion
sweet

In perfect harmony (or ecstasy).

I love to drink in every word

The Master speaks to me;

'Tis sweetest music ever heard
Replete with melody.

I love to feel His gentle touch

And gaze into his face;

There's nothing thrills my soul so
much

As His tender, sweet embrace.

I love to have Him walk with me

And gently hold my hand.

I love to have Him talk with me
In terms we understand.

I love to know He'll ever be

My best and truest friend;

His loving, tender care for me
Will never, never end.

I love to think of that sweet home

Prepared for me above,

Again, from Him, to never roam
But with Him dwell in love.

Rev. T. H. Newsome,
Springtown, Texas

(Composed by Brother Newsome, and dedicated to the "Wiggs Family" at Christmas. He is a very dear friend of ours, having taught English at the Ministerial Association last year.)

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Wiggs,

North Zulch, Texas

There Is No Death

There is no death! The stars go
down

To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright, in heaven's jeweled
crown,

They shine for ever more.

There is no death! The dust we
tread

Shall change beneath the summer
showers

To golden grain or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize,
And feed the hungry moss they
bear;

The forest-leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may
fall,

And flowers may fade and pass
away;

They only wait through wintry
hours

The coming of May-day.

There is no death! An angel-form
Walks o'er the earth with silent
tread;

And bears our best-loved things
away,

And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate,
He plucks our fairest, sweetest
flowers;

Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous
tones

Made glad the scenes of sin and
strife,

Sings now an everlasting song
Around the tree of life.

Wh'er he sees a smile too bright,
Or heart too pure for taint and
vice,

He bears it to that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there is no dead!

—John Luckey McCreery

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Calvary: Triumph through Sacrifice

(Lesson for March 17)

Lesson: Matthew 27:33-50.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief"* (Isaiah 53:3).

Prophecies about Christ's Death.

There are at least eleven things predicted by the Old Testament writers that should take place in connection with Christ's death.

It was predicted that he should be betrayed by His own familiar friend (Psalm 41:9). And so it came to pass (John 13: 18, 19; Matthew 26:47-49).

It was predicted that He should be sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12). This prophecy was fulfilled (Matthew 26:15; 27:9, 10).

It was predicted that He should be pierced, hands and feet (Psalm 22:16). This prediction was fulfilled when He was nailed to the Cross (Matthew 27:35).

It was predicted that He should be given vinegar and gall (Psalm 69:21). It came to pass as it had been predicted (Matthew 27:34).

It was predicted that His enemies should part His garments and cast lots for His vesture (Psalm 22:18). It came to pass as it was foretold (Matthew 27:35).

It was predicted that His enemies should stare at Him (Psalm 22:17). As it was foretold so it came to pass (Matthew 27:36).

It was predicted that He should be reviled (Psalm 22:6-8). It was fulfilled as it had been foretold (Matthew 27:40-48).

It was predicted that His enemies should shake their heads at Him

(Psalm 109:25). It came to pass as it was predicted (Matthew 27:39).

It was predicted that He should utter a cry of deep agony. (Psalm 22:1). It was fulfilled as it had been predicted (Matthew 27:46).

It was predicted that not a bone of His should be broken (Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20). It came to pass as it was foretold (John 19:31-33).

It was predicted that He should be numbered with the transgressors (Isaiah 53:9, 12). It was fulfilled as it had been predicted (Luke 22:37).

Various other prophecies concerning Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation were fulfilled in Christ. Fulfilled prophecy is one of the clearest and strongest proofs of the Divine inspiration of Holy Scripture. What a wonderful Book the Bible is! —W. S. H.

I. Home Work

1. Before whom and before how many courts was Jesus tried? (Mat-

thew 26:57-75; John 18:28; Luke 23:6-24).

2. For what offense did the court of the Jews find Him guilty of death? (Matthew 26:64-66).

3. What were the legal grounds upon which Pilate sentenced Him to death? (Luke 23:5; Mark 15:2, 9, 12, 26).

4. How do we know that Jesus was really the King of the Jews? Matthew 1:17; 2:2; Luke 1:32, 33).

5. Who forsook Jesus? Matthew 26:56; 27:46).

6. Who alone stood by Jesus after He had been crucified? (John 19:25-27).

7. What made the crucifixion of Christ necessary? (Romans 3:21-25; Galatians 3:10-13; John 3:14).

8. What two opposite effects are produced by the preaching of the Cross of Christ? (I Cor. 1:18).

9. What was accomplished by the rending of the veil? (Hebrews 10:19-20).

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10. What was Christ made for us on the Cross? (II Cor. 5:21).

11. What witnesses testify to the sinlessness of Christ? (Matthew 27: 4, 19; Luke 23:4, 14, 15, 41, 47).

12. Read Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. Don't neglect the splendid helps in our quarterlies.

II. Practical Points

1. From the place of the skull has arisen the living Head (Matt. 27: 33).

2. He who dispenses Living Water does not need to have His thirst slaked by the hand of man (vs. 34).

3. Christ's robe of perfect righteousness is given at Calvary to any sinner who believes on Him (vs. 35).

4. The rejection of Christ as King by the Jews was in the plan God the provision of salvation for the whole world (vs. 37).

5. The Cross of Christ still separates between the penitent and the impenitent sinner (vs. 38).

6. It is not enough to be near Jesus in order to be saved, or else both of the thieves would have been saved (vs. 38).

7. Unregenerate men never realize it when they are fulfilling the prophecy of the Word of God (vs. 40).

8. The nation whose rulers make mockery of Christ is in a sad state indeed (vs. 41).

9. Because He came to save others, Christ could not save Himself (vs. 42).

10. The Lord did not give up the ghost until the suffering for sin had been fully accomplished (vs. 50).—J. C. T.

11. *Left and Right*—Matt. 27:38. "Then were there two thieves crucified with Him, one on the right hand, and another on the left." It all depends upon which side of the Cross we are. Both thieves were in the same condemnation, and both had been rightly condemned for

their crimes. It seemed as if both men joined in reviling the dying Saviour for a time. Then something happened that changed the heart and mind of the man on the right of the Lord Jesus.

12. "*That Red Spot*."—Napoleon once took a map and, pointing to the British Isles, remarked: "Were it not for that red spot, I would have conquered the world." The devil

pointed at the Cross of Christ and said: "Were it not for that red spot, I would have conquered the world."
—*Sunday School Times*.

13. "Strange, strange death that Jesus died,
He cannot leave that Cross of woe,
The cords of love have strangely bound Him,
Strange, strange death!"

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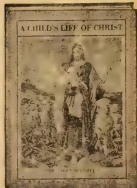
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Boys and Girls Corner

"But I Want It!"

There was a fresh chocolate cake for supper. Jack ate his piece and then asked for another. "No, dear," said his mother, "one piece is good enough. Another would not be good for you."

"I don't care," cried Jack; "I want it." And at last she let him have it.

The next morning Jack scolded because his head ached, and he wondered why. He had forgotten all about the two big pieces of cake.

Out beside the house was a deep puddle of water. "I'm going wading," said Jack.

"Wait until the sun warms the water a little," said his mother.

"But I want to go now," cried Jack; and when she was busy he slipped away. It was fun to splash about in the puddle, and time went so fast that he forgot how cold it was; but it wasn't fun to stay in the house with a sore throat all the next day.

I wonder if Jack is always going to say, "But I want to," and then do what he wants to, whether it harms him or not. Some day let us hope that he will grow strong enough to say, "I want it, but I won't eat or drink anything, and I won't let myself do anything that will hurt this body or this mind that God has given to me."—*The Sunbeam*.

I Corinthians 9: 27: "*But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection.*"

*Though his majesty be great,
His mercy is no less;
Though he thy transgressions hate,
He feels for thy distress;
Yield not then to unbelief,
While he says, there yet is room;
Though of sinners thou art chief,
Since Jesus calls thee, come.*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

LINQUISH. The angel of death came on January 15 to the home of Mrs. Guy Murphy and took away her loving Aunt Cora Linquish. She was 71 years old and was loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She was sick for a long time, but she bore her sufferings patiently.

When Jesus called her, she sweetly closed her eyes in sleep. Now she is living with Jesus and will for ever stay with Him. Years ago she lost her sight. There is no blindness in heaven, no death nor sorrow or pain. We will leave Cora there until Jesus comes again.

We all will miss you Cora,
Your niece and nephew too;
For a place is vacant in your church
And to it you were always true.
Mrs. Stella Styron,
Davis, North Carolina

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our Mother,
Mrs. Estella Scott

On February the second,
Just past the hour of seven;
An angel came and said,—
"Come, go with me to heaven."

Just two weeks ago today,
God called our mother away;
Oh, how we miss her, no tongue can tell,
But she has gone to heaven to dwell.

She had grown old and gray,
Still we hated to see her go away;
But, dear mother, we all know
We must go from this world of woe.

She was kind, patient and did her best,
Until God called her home to rest;
I know she has gone to a brighter land,
Where the angels play their golden band.

Dear Mother, Oh how we miss you,
'Tis almost more than we can bear;
All around, things now look so lonely,
When we see your old rockingchair.

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Bettie Atkinson

THOMAS. Our hearts were all saddened on February 14 when, after a short illness of pneumonia and gastritis, God called the soul of Marvin Thomas to its eternal reward.

Brother Thomas was 39 years, 5 months and 29 days old. He had been one of the most faithful members of the Beulah Free Will Baptist church for about 27 years, and clerk for almost 12 years.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor Rev. L. B. Manning. He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers. The surviving are his wife, mother, four daughters, two sons, three brothers, two sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

We all hated to part with Brother Thomas, but we know that it was his eternal gain so we humbly bow in humble submission to God's will.

Carrie Grace Thomas

WILLIAMS. It is with a sad heart that I write of the death of my mother Mary Williams, who passed away on November 16, 1939. She would have been 86 this March. She was a subscriber for the Baptist paper. She had been a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church since she was a girl.

Her life was good and beautiful. All was done for her that the children and the doctors could do, but God knew best, and took her to be with Him. She said she was ready to go. We do miss her very much. Her home was with her son C. B. Williams who lived on the Morehead highway.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. N. D. Wiggs of New Bern, N. C., and she was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers by the side of papa who died eight years ago. I trust we all will so live that we will meet her in heaven when we are called to the great beyond.

Mrs. W. H. Smith,
108½ Hancock Street,
New Bern, North Carolina

WHITE. On January 31, 1940, God in His great wisdom called the soul of Mr. Nash White to its heavenly reward. He was born on January 20, 1898, making his stay on earth 42 years and eleven days. He was a faithful member of Moseley's Creek Church, and served as treasurer of the church for some time. He was also a member of the church choir.

The funeral was conducted at his home by Rev. Clifton Rice, and Rev. Bruce Barrow. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife Mrs. Ella White, a daughter, Miss Evelyn White, four sisters and five brothers.

Your place is vacant,
And 'twill never be filled;
Uncle Nash, we miss you,
But that's the Lord's will.

But we hope the dear Saviour,
In His infinite wisdom and love;

Has called you to meet Him
And be with His angels above.

Written by his niece,
Démolive White

Report from Goldsboro Sunday School Class

My Sunday School class asked me to send in our report for 1939 which you will find enclosed. I have a very fine, large class of Christian women and I love them everyone and pray for them; and not only for them but all of God's children. If my class is in trouble so am I for they are very close to me, in fact we are one body in Christ. They are faithful and co-operate in any good work.

Do we as teachers realize our responsibility to God, as we stand up and expound the Word? Before we can teach others we must sit at the Master's feet as Mary of old and learn of Him. May we never add to or take from God's blessed word, but "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. The Holy Spirit will guide and direct us into all truth and now we need to know the truth since there is so much false doctrine being taught today.

May we remember that we are living epistles known and read of all men. Since we are the only Bible so many people read, let us walk uprightly and never bring reproach upon the name of Christ or cause some one to stumble over us. May the Holy Spirit teach through us and give us vision and understanding that we may bring others to our blessed Saviour and Lord.

Exhortation to teachers, classes and all others, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, *Teacher*

REPORT

The following is the 1939 Report of the Cora Mitchell Sunday School

Class of the Goldsboro Free Will
Baptist Church:

Collections -----\$63.00
Disbursements:

Christmas presents -----\$ 6.30
Insurance on church ----- 2.00
Flowers ----- 5.75
Gave to Church Treasurer 13.23
Gave to Building Fund----- 27.50
Gave to a widow ----- 2.84

Miscellaneous ----- 3.85

Total disbursements --\$61.47

Balance in Treasury ----- \$1.53

Visits to sick -----683

Funeral designs and flowers---109

Number of Trays -----136

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Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotionals led by Mrs. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton

9:45—Welcome address—Mrs. S. A. Smith of Beulaville

—Response by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth of Davis

10:00—Enrollment of ministers and delegates

—Reading of minutes of previous Convention

—Report of Aid societies and other organizations

—Appointment of Committees

10:45—Report of Mission Director—Mrs. J. H. Oglesby
Missionary Program

11:30—Memorial Service led by Mrs. J. W. Overman

12:00—Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional service and Declamation Contest

1:30—Report of delegates from other Conventions

—Report of delegates to various Conventions

1:45—Report of Field Director

—Report of Director of Education

—Report of Director of Superannuation

—Report of Director of Publications and Literature

—Report of Stewardship Director

2:00—Talk on Orphanage by Rev. M. E. Tyson

2:15—Report of Orphanage work by Mrs. J. W. Overman

—Report of Finance and Apportionment Committee

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That our Father, God, is love?
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By the shining of the sun,
By the breeze that cools my brow,
By fresh odors from the plow,
By the daisy's golden head,
Shining in the fields I tread,
By the chorus of the bees,
In the flowering willow trees,
By the gentle dew and rain,
By the farmer's springing grain,
By the light of golden eyes,
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By the joy right-doing brings—
By a thousand, thousand things!

—James Buckham

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The Sermon on the Mount

By C. J. Harris

A Bible, well worn and practically applied in that part which contains the Sermon on the Mount, is what the world most needs today. It is the master sermon of the hoary centuries. "His word was the Power." He turned the ceremonial law upside down. The people were astonished at His doctrine, for He taught as one having authority and not as the Scribes. "But I say unto you—" etc., means that He had authority to command.

That marvelous Sermon on the Mount seeks to hush the roar of machine guns, and to arrest the march of warring nations by giving universal peace to men.

"Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." In dealing with our fellow men this statement of our Lord has no parallel. Men have admired it and called it the "golden rule." It is easily memorized, but only by the Grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit can it be carried out. The warring nations are not led by the Spirit of God.

"Enter ye in at the straight gate." Christ is the door, and He says: "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel." We enter by repentance, faith, and Christian Baptism. These three agree in one. Regeneration, consecration, justification, and sanctification set us apart for God's service, as co-workers with Jesus Christ; hence we go on to perfection: "for without holiness no man shall see God."

Furthermore, by the "straight gate" we may learn that compliance with the first table of the Law is intended. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." By the narrow

way obedience to the demands of the second table is enjoined: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." No man can love as here required without a change of heart, so neither can anyone do unto others as he would they should do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord. "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." Love as dear children.

"Seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain" (Matthew 5:1). This is a fact; we believe it. Again, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" (vs. 7). This is a promised reward for the duty performed. We hope to receive mercy from God in return for the mercy which we show toward man and beast. Again, "love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44). This statement differs from the preceding; it is a commandment. It is not a promise for which we may hope, and to simply believe that Christ said it is not enough. It enjoins something upon us, it asks that of us which requires obedience. So we have facts to believe, promises to realize, and commandments to obey. Take from them these characteristics and we destroy that for which they are designed.

Obedience to God's commandments is reasonable; disobedience is unreasonable. God is all-wise; He showed His Wisdom in creating man with a will free to choose his own course. He is Just, He showed His Justice both in warning man that partaking of the forbidden fruit meant death, and in punishing man for his sin. He is Love, He showed His Love in offering His only begotten Son as a ransom for our sins. God possessing wisdom to an infinite degree, must know what is for man's good much better than man himself, and when He gives us any com-

mandment it can be given only as an outgrowth of His love toward us.

Therefore, let us consider some of the points of the doctrine of Christ contained in His famous Sermon on the Mount. These are the most conspicuous ones: To let our light shine before men for the glory of our Father in Heaven; to refrain from the angry thought and word, and from the impure desire and look; to submit to injury; to give, to lend, to love our enemies; to return blessing for cursing, to do good and to pray for those who do us harm; to be like our Father in Heaven; to seek not a reputation for piety or almsgiving, like the Pharisees; to give God's things to the first and largest place in our lives; to forgive without limit all trespasses against ourselves; to lay up treasures in Heaven, not on earth; to serve God and not mammon; to trust God for the needful things of this life, taking no anxious thought for the morrow; to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; to refrain from judging our brethren; and in a word, to do to others whatsoever we would that they should do to us. Such is the doctrine of Christ, with many more, concerning which the apostle John says: "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

A very eminent writer once in reply to the question, "How are we to regard the Sermon on the Mount?" said "It contains the principles of God and code of laws. It forms the rule of Christian life to us to whom the Kingdom of God is not meat, and drink, but righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost. May nothing rob the church of the most precious chapters of precept and promise; for the Lord here unfolds the character of God as Father, in a way

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EDITORIAL

The Spirit of Worship

What is required for true worship at the house of God on the Lord's Day? Is it loud and jazzy singing in the choir? Or, is it the loud, thundering voice of the minister in the pulpit? Must there be worked up emotional excitement, by the choir or the pastor, among the worshippers before the congregation gets in the mood of worship of God? Is excitement, or worked up emotionalism the essence of real worship? We think not. What do you think about it?

A person may burst forth in loud shouts over some spectacular display at a ball-game, but one would not call that a mood of worship. It is merely an outburst of one's emotional feelings over some sudden, unusual point of play in the game. When the game is over, the show of emotionalism dies away. There was no objective in view other than being entertained for the time being in the sport.

But, as to religious worship in God's house, we see it in a different light. We believe the worshipful mood calls for sacredness: soft and sweet music; fervent prayers; the minister's message one of deep spiritual import; and deep consecration of the souls of the congregation to Almighty God. That is something, at least, expressive of the mood of true worship. What we are aiming to say is: the music, the prayers, the offering on God's altar, and the preacher's message—all are to be carried out in the attitude of quiet, reverential worship. In other words, the type of service which draws the minds and the hearts of the congregation upon a close sacredness and nearness to God is one which has the greatest meaning for true worshippers. Solemnity of the hour of worship produces a mood, the spir-

itual atmosphere which is conducive to real worship. Such to many people represents true worship of the Lord. Moreover, with the music, the prayers, the gospel message all in harmony with some special theme, or spiritual thought, for the worshipful hour will produce a greater mood of worshipfulness in the hearts of the congregation, we believe, than over loud singing and stormy preaching. People are not to be forced into the worshipful attitude, but, on the other hand, they are to be led into the worshipful mood by the harmony of song, prayer and the preached word. Gospel truths can be transmitted, in a more pleasant and acceptable manner in song and sermon, to the hearts of the listeners by sweetness, pathos and dramatic expression of spiritual truths. A show of voices by the singers and a display of words by the preacher may serve to stir some in the pews, but such have poor results in placing the congregation in the true worshipful attitude.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The New Church Building at Edgemont—It was our privilege to stop in a few minutes with Rev. Henry Melvin last week and look over his new church building. The building is not complete, but closed in so that it is being used. It is a modern building with Sunday School rooms, modern heating plant, modern in every respect and will be the finest and best equipped Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina when completed. The total cost will be, when completed, about \$30,000.00. Melvin is doing a great work in Durham.

Religious Bootleggers—"The agents of the devil are busy these days cutting the Bible to pieces and denying the Faith once delivered unto the saints. Many of the larger educational institutions that are supported by church people no longer regard the Bible as God's Word. They tell us that it is just a record of opinions or sentiments of the people of the various ages. They substitute their theories for the Fundamental Truths of the Bible and vest authority in sheepskins and degrees. Ministerial students are taught the word of man instead of the Word of God. They study about the Bible instead of the Bible itself, guesses and theories of men instead of Divine Truth, how to deceive others into believing their infidelity instead of leading them to Christ. They are taught that those facts of the Bible that contradict the theories and guesses of quack scientists and carnal professors are just myth, legend, fable or folklore. These Modernistic educators and preachers are bootlegging their theories with clothing them with well-known fundamental terms. They are trying to put a new meaning to the old theology in order to put on the clutch while they shift gears. If we analyze these Modern capsules we will find them void of the necessary elements of saving Truth."—R. E. Tripp, in *Church Bulletin*.

May we pray that God will give us more preachers who will not compromise with worldly, modernistic teachers and preachers. Keep preaching that Truth, Bro. Tripp, it will stand the test. Some of those who oppose you now, will admit your preaching to be the Truth some time.

Joking Preachers—"If it were not for the responsibility of involving me in condemnation by remaining silent, I would refrain from writing on this subject; but since every individual is held responsible before God for the degree of light he has received, I am duty bound to perform this cheerless task of raising

my voice against the soul-destroying sin of joking in the pulpit. It is not necessary for me to define this sin; it is enough to know that it follows the trail of the serpent's seed."—*Quotation from a Religious Tract.*

I have thought a great deal about this pulpit joking. I have heard preachers tell lies and call them "jokes." An illustration that is real, and one that enforces a truth, even though it brings a laugh—a religious laugh—is all right if followed by convincing, soul-stirring evidences, but foolish joking that brings wild laughing is of the devil, I am sure, and cannot lighten the soul of man to things that are of God. Preachers let us be careful about the joking business. Preachers should not tell lies, in or out of the pulpit.

The Light of the Window

By L. Everett Ballard,
Greenville, N. C.

From the pulpit of my church one faces the beautiful memorial window in the back of the auditorium, and on a level with the eye is a reproduction of the picture of Christ in Gethsemane, so familiar to all of us. There He kneels in the foreground, with the disciples a little way behind him—asleep—and in the distance the walls of old Jerusalem, black against the skyline. The beloved face of Christ is turned in supplication toward heaven. His hands are folded in the traditional symbol of prayer, and rest upon the rough rock in front of Him. A ray of light illuminates the face.

How often during the last weeks this picture has blessed me! As I sit in the pulpit on Sunday mornings while the choir sings the sweet songs of the day, and the music rolls out over the church, I look to Him and then it is so easy to pray for a blessing upon the congregation. And there are other times when I am standing in the pulpit with the sacred trust of feeding hungry hearts, and the words and phrases so carefully prepared or memorized seem

to lose themselves. I glance down into a sea of faces. Some of them are anxious with a questioning look that seems to ask "Is our minister going to fail us now?" Others glow with the anticipation of confidence as they wait. Others—well, others have a look of indifference; but they too are waiting with the greatest challenge of all—waiting to be arrested and compelled to listen to the gospel. In my helplessness I look above these faces to the blessed face of Christ, and I pray, "Oh Christ! Come now and speak to my heart. Do not fail me, lest I fail these," and because these are His He speaks, and then I can speak—and the waiting ones do not wait in vain.

Sometimes there comes also another thought as I gaze upon the beautiful window. Perhaps it comes because some are not attentive, and because some are "here today and elsewhere tomorrow." The years seem to dissolve one by one until fifteen of them have gone, and I am once again "the boy preacher" and stand in the same pulpit. The beautiful memorial window, like the commodious Sunday School rooms to my right, and other improvements that make the church of today more useful and attractive than the church of those other days, was not there. But dear Deacon S. B. Hardee, of whom the window is a memorial, was there, with his earnest face turned toward me and inspiring me, and his white head a symbol of benediction. He was there on the warm spring days, when the sun did not shine too hot, and gentle breezes made going to church pleasant. He was there on the hot summer days, too, when many were seeking comfort at ocean resorts and in long drives through the country. He was also there on the cold winter days, when many younger men hovered over the fire at home. And so the window becomes itself a symbol of constancy and faithfulness, and I look again to the blessed Christ and I pray, "Oh Christ! Give us more who are constant, and faith-

ful—more who, like Deacon Hardee can be depended upon!"

Yes, I'm glad the Christ is there above us in the beautiful stained glass window; and I'm glad that he is down here, too, in the hearts of those who worship!

Prayer Changes Things

I want the people to know how the Lord has blessed us and answered our prayers. All of us have been greatly grieved over the illness of our pastor's wife, Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark. But we are so thankful to say that she is improving and on the road to recovery. We are still trusting in the Lord that she will soon be well, and with us soon.

The Lord will do great things for us when we live for Him, and for Him alone. We are to let Him have His way in our lives. I have always loved that old song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." He has been a great Friend to me when I have been in deep distress.

It is simply wonderful to be able to serve a God that you can call on when you need Him most. Oh, how sweet it is to walk and talk with Jesus. How you like to feel Him by your side. If all would love and serve Him, how much better this old world would be. It would be a better place to live in.

May all of our Auxiliary members, when we go into our week of prayer, pray that our lives may so shine that Christ will be seen in us. Prayer will change the night into day, so when life seems dark and dreary, don't forget to pray.

Mrs. C. E. Ladd,
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Note the Change

The readers of the Baptist will notice that my street address is changed from 1115 E. Douglas Avenue to 937 Seymoure Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Yours in Him,

I. J. Blackwelder

The Leaguer's Corner

CLARENCE BOWEN, *Editor*,
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Durham, North Carolina

Springtime is social time. The air is getting balmy, the evenings are pleasant, the sun is slow about setting, and everything points to the possibility of having a good time. When was the last time your league had a real social? Thanksgiving? Christmas? Last summer?

One league I know of is having one Friday night. They are reorganizing their league at the same time. An ideal time to solicit interest in a new organization.

For a week or so let's discuss plans for your socials. What do you say?

Social Life in a League

Everyone admits the value of play for its own sake. Recreation is an indispensable part of living. The church must counteract the social appeal of the world by an adequate social program. The church cannot say: "Don't do this" and win the young people. They must furnish the right social life and say to the young people: "Let's go!" instead of "Don't." Just what place has the league in furnishing social advantages to its constituency?

1. A social activity given with no plans and haphazardly is worthless; but well-planned, well-carried out social is necessary to the life of a league as food is to man.

2. Young people are going to have pleasures, wholesome or unwholesome; if the league furnishes the right kind of social life its members will not seek pleasures that might be unwholesome.

3. People naturally come to the league that has a good time.

4. After people are enlisted they can be drawn to the more serious things for which the league stands.

The Leader of the Social

1. He should plan thoroughly, effectively, carefully, and prayerfully.

2. He should be: A leader with personal attractiveness, personal enthusiasm, and possess a great degree of tact and initiative.

3. He should be Christian.

Steps in Planning a Good Social

1. Plan every detail in advance.
2. Select a central theme for the social and invitation.

3. Be original.

4. Decide on items of decorations, publicly, and refreshments. Remember that a good social cannot be put on in an unattractive atmosphere. Young people love beauty.

5. Select the games. Make this selection varied and more than you think you'll actually need.

6. Group your games.

7. Plan music, if possible.

8. Test the whole program, weed-ing out the unessentials.

9. Finally, make sure that you have planned nothing that a real Christian would refuse to participate in. Keep Christian in all your socials.

Goodbye.

Letter from Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Baptist Readers:

This morning, when I attempted to put in words the feeling that came to me so strongly last night as I lay awake in bed, it is not an easy task. Words cannot express the feeling in my heart. And only by my actions, the aid of others, and my Saviour will I be able to satisfy my desires. But I shall, at least try to show you, who have passed your youth, the need of a vital and important factor which is lacking in the Free Will Baptist Church.

Did you ever want something and couldn't get it because you didn't know where to look for it? Oh, if someone had shown you—where to find that "something"! The preceding question, and *if only* are in many of our young minds. But as Free Will Baptists, we have nowhere to go to find the answer to our question. Yes, our elders have the knowledge to point us to places that would ordinarily satisfy a person; but we are different. It isn't the fact that these places to which they point us are not worth the time that we should spend in them. It is a fact that we have to confront. "We are not strictly speaking, one of the group that we are thrown in contact with; therefore, we cannot be ourselves."

We Free Will Baptists, young people with relatives, leave home and go into new groups of young people who are foreign to us in one sense of the word, even if a friendship exists between us and them. We have nothing to look forward to. There may be one other Free Will Baptist, or there may be one hundred other Free Will Baptists in the same school with us. But how do we know? There are no Free Will Baptist organizations in any college, and no provisions are made in any way for the Free Will Baptist college students. What are you as good Christians, elder people, going to do about it? How are you going to face this situation? Are you going to co-operate, sacrifice for a Christian cause, stand up for Jesus? Or are you going to sit back and wear out chairs and have to replace them with others? We the young people are ready and willing to do our part, and, if necessary, do over our part. What are you going to do? God is with us. He has promised to be with us always in all things. Now it is our turn to ask ourselves the question that is asked in the Psalm 116: 12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

I have only begun, but realize that space will not permit more. Can not we the young people, yes, all of us, plead and beg day in and day out for the thing we so desperately need? *A Free Will Baptist School*. Won't you older people help us so that as we take your places we will be better able to carry on the work of our Lord.

The above lines point out some of the disadvantages of the Free Will Baptist denomination; but, my dear friends, don't let them lead you to think that I do not love the Free Will Baptists. I would willingly die for the cause of the Free Will Baptist church. By trusting in God, I will remain true to it always. No other cause rates in my mind as does the cause of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
A College Student

In the Year 1885

By W. B. Nobles

I, W. B. Nobles, was elected superintendent of the Sunday School at Reedy Branch Church, and served twenty years. I was eighteen years old when I was made superintendent. During that time we raised some of the best workers that Reedy Branch has ever had. It is a joy to me to see the faithful workers carrying on the work.

During that time I was holding prayer meetings at the church on Sunday nights, and all over the community. There was much faith manifested and many were made happy. That time was from 1885 to 1905. It was different then. The people loved the Lord. They looked at sin with horror. Now they play with it, not looking at the fearful end.

In the year 1913, I was ordained at Free Union Church in Greene County by the Conference Committee; namely, T. H. Barnhill, R. E. Ebersson, J. C. Moye, I. T. Butler, L. L. Smith. Since that time, I have

served churches as follows: Smyrna, Beaufort County, four years; Ephesus, Beaufort County, one year; Mt. Tabor, one year; Mt. Olive, one year; Mt. Zion, Washington County, one year; Otter's Creek, one year; Bear Creek, one year; Stacy, one year; reorganized Cedar Grove after it had gone down and served it seven years; served St. Delight, four years; Sidney Church for three years; Watery Branch, ten years. I am now on my eleventh year at Rose Hill Church. I have the care of that church now. I served Sound Side one year.

I have served, summing them all together, 47 years. At the two churches now, if I live to fill out this year, will be 48. I have labored hard for my Master's cause, and still I am looked up as being in the background. I have put my life in the cause for which I stand. I have worked 67 years, and if I live to see May the third, I will be 74 years old. I work regularly as ever, and enjoy life. I have never been in a theater. I have never been in a dance hall. I have never played a game of cards, or checkers. I have never played a game at the billiard table. I have treated all women as ladies. As Paul said, "Hence forth, I am pure from the blood of all men." I can say the same, though I am a sinner saved by grace.

Fifth Eastern Union Report

The Fifth Eastern union of the Eastern North Carolina Association met with Spring Hope Church in Craven County on December 30, 1939.

The union was opened by the moderator, and after song and prayer service, the usual committees were appointed as follows: Assistant moderator, Rev. Ralph Spruill; reading clerk, Mrs. Rom Mallard; devotional, L. H. Banks, Mrs. Minnie Cuthrell and Dan Sawyer; finance committee, H. C. Wood, J. A. Norris, and Clem Gaskins.

The visitors were welcomed to this session of the union, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There were eight ministers present, and twenty-two churches represented with a donation of \$57.95. The devotional committee gave the following report which was accepted. Rev. Duff Toler to preach today at eleven o'clock; Rev. Ralph Spruill to preach tonight at seven o'clock; and tomorrow at eleven o'clock, Rev. J. R. Bennett.

At this time Rev. J. R. Bennett read a letter concerning the Pittman Memorial Bible Institute for preachers. A motion was made and carried that this union endorse the work of the Bible Institute. At this time Rev. Duff Toler brought the message of the hour which was a spiritual message indeed. Dinner was spread by the ladies of the church on the ground, after the sermon was over and the congregation was dismissed.

The union reassembled after the lunch hour for business. Rev. A. C. Austin led the afternoon prayer. Then the moderator explained the duties of the investigating committee, and asked the delegates to take the message back to the different churches, so that when a church wishes to receive financial aid from the union, they can take the matter up with the committee before coming to the union, thus avoiding confusion.

It was moved and carried that the union go to Warden's Grove Church in Pamlico County the next time. The disbursements were as follows: To the Orphanage, \$25; to W. B. Everett, \$5; L. C. Garner, \$5; W. W. Lupton, \$5; W. J. Moore, \$5; to Zion Bible School, \$5; to the clerk, \$5.

The union gave a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. Then the union was dismissed in a word of prayer.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington, *Mod.*,
Rom Mallard, *Clerk*

Report of Executive Committee Meeting of North Carolina State Association

The Executive Committee of the State Association of North Carolina met at the Goldsboro Church on March 4, 1940 at ten o'clock, a. m.

The members present were: M. E. Tyson, Chairman; J. W. Alford, Secretary; W. A. Jackson, W. B. Crumpler, M. L. Johnson, Luke Wetherington, W. L. Moretz, R. P. Harris, The visiting brethren: Elders T. E. Beaman, W. A. Hales, J. C. Griffin, J. A. Evans, C. B. Thompson, W. L. Hart.

The opening prayer was offered by Elder J. C. Griffin. It was moved and carried that W. L. Hart be elected to fill the unexpired term of Elder S. H. Styron, deceased, on the Mission Board.

It was moved and carried that the next session of the State Association be held at Little Rock Church, Wilson County. It was also moved that W. L. Moretz be elected as Publicity Director. The following were elected as the Program Committee: J. W. Alford, R. P. Harris, M. L. Johnson.

Discussion was had regarding the Board of Surveyors, and it was left open until the next session of the association.

On motion that Elder J. A. Evans was elected a member of the General Board to the unexpired term of Elder S. H. Styron. On motion we appoint a committee of three to look into the Records, Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and discover any discrepancies appearing therein, and submit the same with recommendation for any changes to the same, at the next session of the Association in time to be acted at that session. The following were elected as the above committee: Elders T. E. Beaman, J. C. Griffin, R. P. Harris.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was in order, and the meeting was dismissed by Elder T. E. Beaman.

M. E. Tyson, *Chairman,*

J. W. Alford, *Secretary.*

Home Missions

By B. E. Coxwell,

Marianna, Fla.

Route 1

Concerning home missions, I have always heard that charity begins at home. I think every member of the church should be home mission workers. The weakest members in the church have some influence over someone. All have not become preachers yet, but they can all be workers.

Mary was not a preacher, but she could carry messages. There are many ways people can work for the Lord. He gave every one a penny who worked in His vineyard. He paid all alike, even to them that came at the eleventh hour—all received a penny. If you will not work, you are not promised anything, for the Bible has it "faith without works is dead."

No we are not saved by works alone, but if we are children of God we will really want to work. We will want God to give us something to do. We will want to help save His people whom we plainly see going astray. Many are walking in darkness.

If you could see someone lost here on earth on a dark night, you would be ready to help him, and show him the way home. Why don't you show them the way to the light of God's love? You should help them to see the light of their souls. Do you care if they go on down in the way of darkness? Then you say that you are a child of God? Yes, we can all be home missionaries. First, walk as He walked that your light may shine. Second, be prompt to go to

church and get them to go with you. Third, tell them that you want them to become saved people. Tell them that it is not His will that any should be lost. Fourth, tell them how good the Lord is, and how that He is ever long suffering and merciful. Fifth, get up a good house to house prayer meeting. There are many other things you can do for the cause of Christ. Get busy in the work of the Lord, and let your lights shine for His glory.

A Call to Sunday Schools of the Second Union of the Central Conference

All Sunday Schools of the Second Union Meeting district of the Central Conference are requested to send representatives (one or more) to the union which meets at Cedar Grove Church in Martin County on March 30-31, 1940, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School Convention in connection with the union meeting.

It is very urgent that each Sunday School in the district send delegates to this Union meeting on Sunday, March 31, so that an organization can be entered into for the good of the Sunday Schools of this union.

The delegates are requested to take with them a small donation to get the organization started, as there will be need of some funds to make a beginning doubtless. Remember, these delegates are urged to be present by 10:30 a. m. at Cedar Grove Church in Martin County. The church is about four miles from the hard-surface road at Everetts. The delegates can easily reach the church by turning off at Everetts and going north about four miles.

The following is the committee who were appointed at the last union at St.'s Delight in December to call together the Sunday School representatives for the purpose of organizing the Sunday School Convention:

Rev. D. W. Alexander,
Rev. R. B. Spencer,
Rev. J. P. Barrow

Request for Minutes

If you are the clerk or secretary of your association or conference, either state or local, will you please send me a copy of your 1939 minutes? If your copy omits the statistical table, will you please send me the information I need in making out the statistics for your association?

I have written to many clerks and have received quite a number of minutes. I have already obtained about seven from North Carolina.

Let us have a grand report for the National Association in Paintsville, Kentucky this year. If you will cooperate by sending your minutes, we can have a report that will reflect greatly the strength of our denomination.

Send all minutes to Clarence Bowen, 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C. Yours for a great denomination,

Clarence Bowen,
National Statistician

What Can I Do for Jesus?

What can I do for Jesus?

He's done so much for me;
He left His home in glory
For the cross on Calvary;
Not for His sin He suffered;
He paid the debt for me.

What can I do for Jesus?

He gave His life for me;
He battled with temptation,
And won the victory;
Then shame and death He suffered,
To purchase life for me.

What can I do for Jesus?

Just say, "O Lord, take me,
And cleanse me in the fountain
That flowed from Calvary;
Then let me share Thy likeness,
Each day grow more like Thee."

—Presbyterian Advance

Free Will Baptist Orphan-
age Building Fund
Report

Previously reported	\$2,463.55
L. A. S. of Parkers Chapel Ch.	10.00
L. A. S. of Greenville Church.....	10.00
L. A. S. of Winterville Church.....	10.00
L. A. S. of Black Jack Church	10.00
L. A. S. of Kings X Roads Ch.	10.00
L. A. S. of Dildy's Grove Church ..	10.00
L. A. S. of Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	5.00
L. A. S. of Kinston Church	10.00
L. A. S. of LaGrange Church	10.00
L. A. S. of Daniel's Chapel	10.00
L. A. S. of Malachi's Chapel Ch.	10.00
L. A. S. of Hugo Church	5.00
L. A. S. of Friendship Church, Green County	10.00
L. A. S. of Hull Road Church.....	10.00
L. A. S. of Rocky Mount Church ..	10.00
L. A. S. of Kenly Church	10.00
L. A. S. of Bethany Church	10.00
W. L. Jernigan	6.00
W. L. Jernigan	3.00
Mrs. Bettie Noble, Rocky Mount, North Carolina	1.00
Marsh Swamp Church	42.55
Hull Road Church	230.00
Saratoga Church	5.50
Hickory Grove Church, Pitt Co.	19.70
Core Creek Church	122.50
Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	110.25
Winterville Church	30.36
Edgewood Church	12.00
Hickory Chapel Church	100.50
Junior League Number 2 of Hick- ory Chapel Church	1.00
Sweet Gum Grove Church	60.50
Hansleys Chapel Church	37.00
Shady Grove Church	33.48
Pilgrims Home Church	10.00
Sweet Gum Grove Church	39.50
Rocky Mount Church	16.00
H. R. Harrison, Swannanoa	12.50
Reedy Branch Church	64.00
Junior League of Sweet Gum Grove Church	1.00
Beaufort Church, Carteret Co.	7.45
Kings Cross Roads Church.....	41.00
Little Creek Church	25.00
Beulaville Church	9.10
Saratoga Church	8.50
Friendship Church, Johnson Co.	81.50
Gum Swamp Church	64.15
St. Delight Church	25.00
Wilson Church	22.85
Otters Creek Church	5.90
St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina	42.00
Fourth Union District Auxiliary Convention	10.00
LaGrange Church	34.00
Wintgreen Church	61.00
Stony Creek Church	17.00
Spring Hill Church	7.50
Friendship Church, Greene Co.	13.00
Grimsleys Church, Greene Co.	9.50

Hickory Grove Church	18.15
Bethany Church	56.00
Antioch Church	44.85
Ophelia Sunday School Class of the Ayden Church	1.00
Little Rock Church	150.00
Bridgeton Church	20.00
South River, Carteret County.....	6.50
Pleasant Plain Church	14.00
Free Union, Greene County	33.30
Piny Grove Church, Johnson Co.	40.00
Piny Grove Church, Pitt County ..	25.18
White Oak Hill, Nash County	15.00
L. A. S. of Free Union Church	10.00
Micro Church	65.00
Juniper Chapel Church	9.95

Total

EXPENDITURES

Bricks	725.00
Balance on hand	3,849.97

-- Total

M. E. Tyson, Superintendent

Notice of Correction

In my "News and Views" recently I made a mistake in listing the radio appointments of Rev. W. L. Moretz in Raleigh. Brother Moretz speaks over Station WPTF on Monday after each Fourth Sunday at 7:15 a. m., instead of 7:00 a. m. as stated. Also we are glad to announce that Brother Moretz is on Station WRAL on the same day at 7:45 a. m. We are sorry if our error caused anyone to "tune in" for a disappointing last Monday.

L. E. Ballard

Why?

The story was recently recited of a big army official's conversation on war with a member of a cannibal tribe. The civilized warrior told the cannibal about the World War and the millions killed. The cannibal then wanted to know how they ate all those killed. The army man replied that we did not kill them to eat. "Oh," queried the cannibal, "then why did you kill them"? Yes. Why?

—Alabama Baptist.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Important Notice

I am asking all of the local Publication and Literature Directors in the Central District please send to me your reports as soon as possible. If you will look in the back of your Year Book, you will find a blank. If you cannot possibly get your report to me in time, be sure to bring it to Piny Grove and give it to me. Dear women, let us try to do our best to have a good report at the convention.

(Miss) Elizabeth Warren,
First Vice-President,
115 E. Eighth Street,
Greenville, N. C.

Powhatan Aid Report

The Aid society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Warren Blinson on March 2 at eight o'clock. The president called the meeting to order and the members joined in the opening song. The scripture lesson was read from Matthew 6: 5-15. Mrs. Ellis then led in prayer.

The society entered into the devotions in the spirit of worship. The program was very effectively rendered by those who took part. The next matter that came before the society was the regular routine of business, and plans were made for the Week of Prayer. The secretary called the roll with twelve members present. The dues collected amounted to \$1.55. The activities of the society were as follows: 125 chapters read in the Bible; 44 sick visits made; 6 cards sent; 2 magazines given; 16 quarts of milk given to the needy; trays eight.

After the business was over the society was closed to meet again on

the First Saturday evening at eight o'clock with Mrs. J. M. Peele. After the Aid closed, the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. J. M. Peele, *Cor.-Secy.*

Pleasant Grove Aid Report

We wish to report that our Ladies Aid society is steadily growing in interest and the members are actively engaged in the work.

Number on roll	-----22
Dues collected	-----\$52.63
Amount raised other ways	---\$124.54

Total	-----\$177.17
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Sent to the sick vases and baskets of flowers, 270; pot plants 11; quarts of milk 718; trays 10; fruit baskets, 19; visits to the sick, 930; chapters read in the Bible, 702.

Our society has also clothed Zella Frances Brewer at the Orphanage, and are very proud of her.

Mrs. Richard Hinnant, *Secy.*

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Aid met at the home of Mrs. Sarah Holmes on March 5 for its regular monthly meeting. After the opening song, the scripture lesson was read from the eighth chapter of the Book of Acts, which was followed by the members repeating together the Lord's Prayer.

There were ten members present, and the dues collected amounted to \$1.34. The activities of the society were as follows since the last meeting 355 chapters read in the Bible; 61 sick visits made; 7 trays taken to the sick. The business period being over, the meeting was then turned over to the Stewardship Committee. They rendered a very interesting

program which was enjoyed by all present.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. I. J. Haire on April 9. Refreshments were served by the hostess and her daughter. Then the meeting adjourned until the next time in course.

Mrs. Alton Furlough,
Corresponding Secretary

Johnson Union Aid Report, Number One

Our Aid meets each Wednesday afternoon in the homes of the members at three o'clock.

Our regular meeting was held on February 28, at three o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. M. Blackman. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. R. Johnson. After a song and prayer, the Bible reading was taken from the Third Chapter of the Book of Acts. Several prayers were offered, and after the devotional period was over, a very interesting program was rendered with 17 members being present. After the program was over the business of the Aid was transacted.

The following activities entered into since the last meeting are as follows: 262 chapters read in the Bible; 105 sick visits made; 30 trays taken to the sick; the monthly collection was \$2:40; and raised other ways \$8.00. We have in the treasury at the present time \$14.64. The number of members on roll is 30.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Clyde Pilkington on March 6. Refreshments were served by the hostess after the meeting was dismissed.

Mrs. C. T. Lancaster, *Secy.*

Program

The 1940 session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Western North Carolina Association is to be held with Union Grove Church in Wayne County, April 3.

THEME:

Deepening the Spiritual Life

SONG:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 12: 1, 2

*Wednesday Morning*Music Director: Mrs. Georgie
Frost Barnes

- 9:30—What Is the Spiritual Life?
By Mrs. L. H. McDade,
Durham
- 9:45—Address of welcome by Mrs.
Floyd Morris, Fremont
- Response by Mrs. W. L. Wall,
Micro
- 9:55—President's remarks
- 10:10—Reading of minutes and
roll call
- 10:25—Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Business period
- Report of directors
- Ministers' suggestions
- 11:15—Congregational singing
- 11:30—Deeper Spiritual Lives, by
Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swann-
anoa
- 12:00—Lunch

*Wednesday Afternoon*Music Director: Rev. Henry
Melvin, Durham

- 1:00—What Price Deeper Spirit-
ual Life? by Mrs. Raymond
T. Sasser, Lucama
- 1:15—Declaration Contest
- 1:45—Business Period
- 2:15—Program by the Orphanage
Group, M. E. Tyson
- 2:45—Memorial service, by Mrs.
D. O. Wilder, Zebulon
- 3:00—Final words and adjourn-
ment

By the Committee

Whatsoever ye shall ask in my
name, that will I do, that the
Father may be glorified in the Son.
John 14: 13.

Zion Bible School Educational Rally

The promoters and sympathizers of Zion Bible School are requested to meet in assembly at Open Pond Church, Jakin, Georgia, on Sunday, March 31, 1940, for the purpose of becoming more definitely settled concerning the welfare and conducting and maintaining our school. We have long felt the impression of the Holy Spirit and His leadership in this school work and the need of making the school more useful in its purpose of serving humanity in the kingdom of Christ.

Open Pond Church will entertain, with refreshments that day, all who attend, and it is anticipated that a strong representation will be present. Churches, Ladies Aids, Sunday Schools, and Leagues, and individuals are urged to represent. While it is hoped that local churches of our tri-state section will especially represent, yet any church auxiliary, is earnestly requested to represent with a delegation.

Too, churches, or church auxiliaries are asked to send a donation, and individuals as well as church auxiliaries are asked to have a contribution for the welfare and maintenance of the school. There is a deficit at present which we hope to be able to raise by that time, or during the day. This deficit is caused by the purpose and repairing of the Dothan property.

May the Lord help us to eliminate all embarrassment of indebtedness for such is needful and expedient. It is the Lord's work, and we who are His laborers, His husbandry, should rally to this cause. May we pray that God so will that all work co-operatively together that the work may be done.

Christian people, we covet an interest in your prayers, and, when it is well with you, remember us.

Thos. B. Mellette,
A. D. Ivey, Secy.,
Jakin, Georgia

The Sermon on the Mount

(Continued from page three)

He does nowhere else; and of this He says in John 17, "I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it."

"The precepts of Matthew 5:6, 7, are very clear and cut very close. The sword is two-edged, sharp, and piercing, separating and dividing; the flesh trembles as we read it. But the higher the calling (in this case to a place in the family of God) the profounder will be the preceptive word that is connected with it, and the richer and the sweeter the promise. Let us not get drawn away from the unworldly simplicity of Christ shown to us in these chapters; and may the prayer the Lord has therein taught be our model and our guide, in matter, in order, in character, and in end."

Finally, in that wonderful Sermon on the Mount the great goal of the Old Testament is reached and the "good tidings of great joy" which issue from Israel, "are unto all people." The Kingdom of Heaven, which is the Kingdom of God is set upon earth, and opened to all believers. We cannot help noticing how different from the Jewish idea was this crushing Sermon on the Mount (on their religion) delivered by the Shepherd King, Who lays down His Life for the sheep, and Who leads the Gentiles, not to subjection or to inferiority, but to equality of faith and privileges; taking the Jews out of their special "Folds" and leading up the Gentiles, and so making of both "one flock." In Christ's Kingdom there is no difference. The sermon on the Mount is the masterpiece for all nations, kindreds and tongues. Do we as fellow-travelers to the bar of God appreciate that noble Sermon that fell from the lips of the Son of God fresh from the throne of God?

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Sepulcher: Triumph over Death

(Lesson for March 24)

Lesson: Matthew 27:57—28:3.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept*" (I Corinthians 15:20).

"Death could not keep its prey,
Jesus, my Saviour,

He tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His
foes,

He arose a Victor o'er the dark do-
main,
And He lives forever with His saints
to reign,

He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah, Christ, arose."

In one of the villages of northern India, a missionary was preaching in a market place. As he was closing a Mohammedan came up to him and said:

"You must admit that we have something you have not, and it is better than anything you have."

The missionary asked courteously, "And what is it you have?"

"When we go to Mecca," replied the Mohammedan, "We at least find a coffin. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, which is your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave."

The missionary smiled and said, "That is just the difference. Mohammed is dead and in his coffin. And all false systems of religion and philosophy are in their coffins. But Christ is risen, and all power in Heaven and on earth is given to

Him. He is alive forevermore!"—
Sunday School Times.

I. Home Work

1. Which is the "Resurrection Psalm." (Psalm 16; Acts 2:25-31).

2. What would our spiritual condition be if Christ had not risen from the dead, even though we believed on Him? (I Cor. 15:14-17).

3. How many witnesses saw the risen Lord? (I Corinthians 15:5-9).

4. What part did angels have in the ministry of Christ? (Luke 1:26, 27; 2:9, 13; 22:43; Matthew 28:2).

5. What were the last words of Jesus before He died on the Cross? (Luke 23:46).

6. What were his first recorded words after His resurrection from the dead? (John 20:15).

7. What were the last words He spoke before ascending into Heaven? (Acts 1:7, 8).

8. What are some of the results

of Christ's resurrection for us? (Romans 4:25; 8:34; I Cor. 15:17-19).

9. What has saving faith to do with the resurrection of Christ? (Romans 10:8-11).

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3. Then we have *the fear of the soldiers*. Little did they anticipate such happenings when they took up their post at the tomb. The appearance of the Heavenly and radiant visitor, struck terror in their hearts.

The corpse they were to guard from the thieves was no longer a corpse, for Christ was no longer within the tomb, but "alive for evermore (Rev. 1:18). What a scene those terror-stricken men witnessed and we hope that it led to saving faith in later days.

4. Lastly there is *the fear of the women*. The presence of an angel usually put fear into the hearts of the Jews (Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10), and we can understand how in the twilight the radiance of the angel would be so striking that fear would possess them. But the fear of these devoted women was mingled with joy because (1) The angel announced that Christ was risen and (2) They saw with their own eyes that the tomb was empty (Matthew 28: 6). Sorrow vanished and joy filled their hearts as they fled back to Jerusalem to break the glad news to the disciples (vs. 8). Faith in the crucified and risen Christ, is the great antidote to fear; it banishes fear of death, fear of judgment, fear of the wrath of God. Faith can say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"—A. H.

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Reaching out in love to thee;
Over all His creation.
Far and near, o'er land and sea.

Let the rich, the poor, and feeble,
Young and old of every race,
Come just now, you'll find a welcome,
In His arms you'll find a place.

He will pardon your transgressions,
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While with outstretched arms He's waiting
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A Little Boy Who Carried a Treasure

A white man in India had been preaching to Hindu men and boys. The sermon was over and the preacher went among them giving tracts to all who would take them. A little boy came and held out his hand. When the gentleman heard that the child could read, he gave him a tract and had a talk with him. He found that the boy had heard a great deal in the sermon that had astonished him very much. All his life the child had heard of cruel gods who would do him harm, and that when he died he would be turned into a cow, a snake or a frog. This man told of a God of love, who had made a man, and seeks to bless him. He also found that pilgrimages and washing in the River Ganges were not necessary; for that God's dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, had borne his sins, and for His sake the God of love would welcome all who came unto Him.

As the boy walked along the road he read the precious tract. It was all like a lovely new tale, and he ran up to his father when he got home, in great excitement.

The father looked down on the eager face of the child and smiled lovingly. He wondered what could have happened to make his boy so glad.

"Father! O Father, I have a paper here and it tells such a beautiful story!"

"Who gave it to you?" asked the father.

"The white preacher," he answered. "What!" cried the Brahman father in horror. "The white preacher! Then tear it up at once and run away and bathe, for you are defiled by touching it." Poor little boy! His lips quivered, and the bright

face grew very sorrowful. He did not wish to disobey his father, but how could he tear up such a lovely paper?

"I will go and bathe, Father," he said, "and while I am gone, will you look at the paper? It is so nice. I am sure you will like it if you read it."

The Brahman took the paper from the outstretched hand; it was hard to refuse his obedient son anything; and as the boy watched the ugly frown disappear from his father's face, he felt sure his treasure was safe. The Brahman began to read the paper in a low, dull voice. Soon his wife came out of an inner room, and looked over his shoulder. The more they read, the more they became interested, and God's Holy Spirit spoke to their hearts, and told them it was all quite true, every word of it.

As they were talking it over together, the boy came back from his bathing in the river, and how glad he was to know that through reading the precious tract his parents had heard of the true God!

When evening came, the white man who had been preaching all day got into his boat again, and the boatmen took up the oars and were soon rowing him down the river. After a while they noticed that a canoe, with three or four men in it, was closely following them. The clergyman told his oarsmen to stop so that the canoe could come up to them.

When it at last reached their boat, the men in the canoe were asked what they wanted, and this is what they said: "We are carpenters, and today we were working at the house of a rich Brahman; his son gave him a wonderful paper with news in it of another religion. We want to hear more about it."

Most gladly the tired white man told the carpenters about God and Jesus our Saviour, while they sat in their canoe and listened attentively to the good news that was

meant for brown people as much as for white people.

Soon it grew dark, and the carpenters had to say good-bye to their kind friend. Their faces lighted up with joy as he handed each of them a tract; and how gratefully they thanked him for stopping his boat, and for all the wonderful things he had told them!—*Exchange.*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

BLACKWELDER—Mrs. Nancy (Nettles) Blackwelder died Tuesday, February 6, 1940 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Crawford.

Mrs. Blackwelder was 81 years old on January 23, having been born in 1859 in Pierce County, Georgia. She came to Florida with her parents when a small child, and spent the rest of her long fruitful life in this community. She married Martin V. Blackwelder in 1873. Mr. Blackwelder passed away in 1915. Mrs. Blackwelder was a consistent member of the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

I am sure everyone who knew Sister Blackwelder will have many pleasant memories of her to sustain them. She was the mother of Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, a Free Will Baptist pastor in Nashville, Tennessee.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. H. G. Crawford and Mrs. Estelle Brooks of Lake Butler, Florida and Mrs. Clara Brooks of Lake Monroe; five sons, M. A. and J. J. Blackwelder of this county, C. M. Blackwelder of St. Petersburg, I. J. Blackwelder of Nashville, Tennessee and R. V. Blackwelder of Apopka; also two brothers, M. H. Nettles of Olustee and Nettles of Lake Butler.

She was the mother of eleven children, 47 grand-children, 66 great grand-children and one great great grand-child.

Mrs. Blackwelder had been in declining health for several years but it was the Lord's will, who in his wisdom, doeth all things well, to take this consecrated submissive Christian to another world.

ADAMS. Little Willie Adams of Panteo, North Carolina, who made his stay on earth two months and five days was

back home to his heavenly Father on Monday, March 4.

He was taken sick with bronchitis a week before his death, and it developed into double pneumonia. All was done for him that the doctors and his parents and friends could do but God took him on high to be with Him.

Surviving is his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Adams, and a sister, Virginia Adams, and also a number of friends and loved ones. We weep not as those who have no hope, for we know he has gone in heavenly sleep to rest with Jesus.

Sleep on little darling,
And take your rest;
You are now with the Almighty
Who knoweth all things best.

Written by his
Aunt Mavis Smith,
Greenville, N. C.

WHITE: It is with a sad heart that I write the death of my brother, Nash White. He died January 31, 1940. He had been ill about six weeks. He had all the medical aid that Dr. Woodhall of Durham could give him. His family and friends did all they could for him.

The Lord saw fit to take him Home to be with Him. He said, "Come up higher." We hope he is resting in the arms of Jesus. He leaves a broken hearted wife, one daughter, five brothers, and four sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

—He was kind and loving, and loved by all who knew him. He was a member of Moseley's Creek Church near Dover. He will be sadly missed in the church and community, but God's ways are higher than our ways.

He was born on January 20, 1898, making his stay here 42 years, and eleven days. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Bruce Barrow, and Rev. Clifton Rice. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near his home.

Written by a devoted sister,
Mrs. Cottie Perry,
Dover, North Carolina

OUTLAW: In reporting the passing of my father I have no hesitancy in saying that we who survive him think of his departure in the light of the following description of what we call death:

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky meet. Then

someone at my side says, 'There! she's gone'. Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me—not in her. And just at that moment when someone at my side said, 'There! she's gone', other eyes were watching for her coming and other voices were ready to take up the glad shout, 'There she comes!' And that is what we call dying."

John Henry Outlaw was born May 9, 1871 and lived within the bounds of the Eastern North Carolina Association until his passing which occurred at his home in Beulaville, N. C., February 7, 1940. He was converted in early manhood and became a member of the Free Will Baptist denomination. After some years he became careless about his relation to God but rededicated his life in the year 1910. Since that time he did his best to live the Christian life and has been a loyal member of the Sandy Plain Church for the past 18 years.

My precious mother, Mrs. Winifred Potter Outlaw, whom he married March 10, 1891; my two sisters, Mrs. Joel Kennedy and Mrs. Hampton Baker of Beulaville, N. C.; my brother, A. T. Outlaw, Register of Deeds of Duplin County, Kenansville, N. C.; three brothers, Lannie, Louis, and Lawrence Outlaw of Seven Springs, N. C.; 10 grandchildren and myself survive him.

Funeral services were conducted from the home February 8, 1940 by Rev. Clifton Rice, who was converted under my preaching, baptized by me in November, 1921. My father loved him dearly and rarely ever missed hearing him in his morning devotions over the radio.

Burial was made in the family cemetery near Seven Springs, N. C.

A. H. OUTLAW,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

MILLER: Brother Irvin Miller passed July 18, 1939 to his reward. With the going of Brother Miller I am sure I lost one of my best friends. Brother Miller was a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church for a number of years and was absolutely dependable and carried with him the slogan: "as long as the Lord gives to me I give back to him." I do not remember a single instance before or after he surrendered himself to his Lord that he failed to give himself in the largest possible way to every call of his church. And not only that, any one whom he perchanced to know who was less fortunate in life than he, he was always glad to share with them.

He was a great lover of his home and made ever provision that he possibly could toward those who were dependent on him. There was never any children in the home.

He and his good wife were perfectly devoted to each other and to be in their presence was an inspiration to any one.

His church will never cease to miss him, because of his liberality and devotion to his church. He is survived by his wife, mother and father, Mrs. N. T. Miller, one sister, Mrs. E. C. Keel, three brothers, all of New Bern. The funeral was conducted at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church by his pastor, assisted by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Interment was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, New Bern, N. C., where he was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers, to wait the summons of all the faithful of God.

May heaven's greatest blessings rest upon his devoted wife, who is at this time confined in Sanatorium, North Carolina, recuperating from a breakdown of her nerves.

W. B. Everett

Urgent Call for Foreign Mission Funds

The committee on Foreign Missions for the Central North Carolina Conference is making an urgent call for all of the churches of this conference to rally to the cause of foreign missions. As very little has been done thus far, we are urging the churches to get busy and send in funds for this purpose. I have received some money thus far, but we want to see every church in the conference do something for foreign missions right away.

I am, therefore, asking the pastors to put it before their churches and ask them to raise a good donation for this purpose. God always blesses the cheerful giver, and we surely do want our people to rally to this great cause. As I am the Chairman of the committee, send the funds to me so that the conference will get credit for all of the foreign Mission funds sent in, and I will in turn send the total amount to Bro. W. L. Moretz, who is the State Secretary of Foreign Missions. As all know he sends his funds at stated times to Brother Blackwelder in Nashville, Tennessee, as he is the National Foreign Missions Treasurer.

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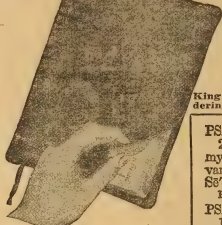
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S⁸-lah.

Fa. 12.2; 31.6, 18; 69.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

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His Cross was but
A common thing
Of cypress wood.
Upon a tired hill,
Desolate it stood:

Yet its arms have reached from sea to sea.
Arms so strong that they have set man free;
And love so bright burning long ago
Changed the cross to gold with its glow.

My cross sometimes
Is a weary thing,
A tiny ugly thing;
It floods my life
In hopeless care;
But with his love
I, too, will make
That cross of gold,
And pour the dark
Tear-stained wood
Into his mould.
My cross can never
Stretch its arms
From sea to sea,
But it can raise
My heart to God,
And set me free.

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The Little River Vocal union will
meet with Holly Spring's F. W. B.
Church in Johnston County on
March 31, at 1:00 p. m. Everybody
is invited to attend this great sing-
ing. All choirs are especially re-
quested to be present for this after-
noon of fine music festival.

The public is cordially invited to
come and let us all enjoy a fine time
together.

R. L. Pittman, *President
of the Vocal Union*

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

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Dangers of Rejecting Christ's Invitation

By Willet L. Moretz

(Radio Message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Secretary-Treasurer Foreign Mission Department of the Free Will Baptist State Association, Swannanoa, North Carolina, over WPTF, March 11, 1940, on Your Daily Devotional Program.)

My dear friends, one month ago this morning, I spoke to you on the subject, "Christ's Invitation to a Lost World." Have you accepted that invitation? I wish it were possible for me to know how many accepted Christ as your personal Saviour as a result of that message. You know, it is just wonderful that Christ gives us an opportunity to come to Him and be saved from the hideousness of sin into which we have fallen. In a word of personal testimony I want to say that I accepted His invitation a long time ago, and I am happy to tell others, you, about His love and mercy. I am pleading with you to come to Him now.

I want to speak to you this morning on the subject, "Dangers of Rejecting Christ's Invitation." Christ gave a striking example of what people may expect to receive after living a life of rejection in the parable of the Great Supper in Luke 14; 16-24. In this parable many were bidden and at supper time the man sent out his servants to say to those who had received the invitation, "Come; for all things are now ready." Christ has made His preparation, and all that is left for the sinner to do is, to come and accept the free gift. Christ says, "All things are now ready." There are two words in that quotation to which I want to call your special attention. First, there is the word *All*. All things are ready. God has made his final preparation for a lost world. This first thought suggests a Divine

preparation for a Divine call. In the parable the man who made the great supper was God. The supper was the wedding feast for His son, Christ. The servants were God's messengers with the gospel message to a lost world bidding all to come to Christ and find life. Those bidden are all mankind, sinners. We have all received the invitation. The great question is, have we accepted or rejected that invitation. There is no neutral ground upon which to stand. We must either accept Him or reject Him. It is dangerous to continually reject His offer of Salvation. When the invitation is withdrawn or finally rejected it will never be given again. Jesus once said of Jerusalem as He wept over it, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from mine eyes." I have reason to believe that Christ has looked into some of our lives many times as we have gone on rejecting Him and wept over us as He did Jerusalem, and yearned for us to come to Him.

That God's call is often disobeyed is a matter of fact, of which we cannot pretend to be ignorant. Christ's call is that we cease denying Him and start denying ourselves. Is it not in this we should learn to practice our Saviour's command, "Let a man deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." What is it to deny ourselves? What is it to take up our cross daily and follow Him? The answer to these questions can only be realized by those who are redeemed from the bondage of sin and misery, and that redemption can only come to those who are willing to accept Christ and His invitation, "Come; for all things are ready."

The second word to which I want

to call your attention is *now*. "Come; for all things are *now* ready." There is no reason for further delay. Now is God's time. It would be interesting to go through the Bible and find all the times the word "now" is used, inviting the sinner to cease rejecting Christ.

Christ said, "All things are *now* ready," and He sent His servant to come now. I want you to notice that He did not send back to them the second time. No sir, He sent His message, those bidden refused to accept. Others were called and still others until His house was filled. Oh, my friend, if you don't come to the supper to which you are bidden, He will send out and get some one else to fill the place left vacant by you.

Now, look finally at the reception given by those who were first invited to the call which had been addressed to them, "They all with one consent began to make excuse." These excuses were all pretexts. If they had gone deeper into their hearts, they would have found they were deceiving themselves. Many today are letting their merchandise, farms, families and other worldly interests and pleasures keep them from Christ and Salvation.

As Paul "reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and the judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." But as far as heeding Paul's message, or giving himself to Christ, the convenient season never came. God calls on many trembling, convicted souls the last time. Oh, may that not be true with you, dear sinner.

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, 'Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.'" The tragedy of the

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EDITORIAL

Another Easter Dawning

Another year has passed and a new Easter day is dawning. Many people are looking hopefully to this new day with great joy. Since it is a season of new Easter bonnets and dresses, many will prepare, with great interest, to be well dressed in new apparel on that glad day.

Eastertide is the season of springing flowers, sweet song and cheerful music. All nature, in woodland, park and garden, seems to take on new life, and fill the air with sweet-scented odors from God's own handiwork. The vegetable and animal kingdoms, through the divine providence, seem to look forward to new life, new growth, and new fruitage—the old giving birth to the new, and the God of nature fulfilling himself in many mysterious ways. Unconscious of the divine purpose in view, the vegetable and the animal kingdoms thus go on through the years, and God's wonders are being unfolded to the light of human knowledge.

In the risen Christ on that Easter Sunday morning came forth new life, the Glorified Christ, arose, clothed in immortality, and was the witness of life beyond the grave. Mystery and joy possessed the hearts of those that heard the good news on that Easter day. Out of death and deep silence came new life and great rejoicing when the angel of God said: "He is not here, . . . go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him."

In honor and loving obedience of this memorable event, many people will, on this new Easter day, sacredly wend their ways to the holy sanctuaries of God to offer their worship of praise and thanksgiving to the risen Lord. With sweet-scented flowers set near the altar, and Easter

lilies placed here and there about the stand, the air perfumed with fragrant odors of these beautiful flowers, the congregation settles down in deep reverence for the worshipful period. With the music filling the sanctuary with its story of the Easter season, and the minister's sermon expressive of the true Easter message, the spirit of worshipfulness fills the hearts of the children of God with great solemnity.

What is the meaning of it all? What thoughts come to the worshippers' hearts? How do these moments of solemn communion with God linger, during the passing moments, with those who, on this new Easter day, as they pay their loving tribute to the heavenly Father above? When the day has passed and their hearts are renewed with gladness in their reflective mood of the joyous Easter day, they will find themselves the recipients of spiritual joy and heavenly blessings.

But this Easter day will mean something different for many others—nothing more than gay dress, joy riding, and the pleasantries of past time. The passing of compliments of new bonnets and spring dresses, the swapping of laughter and great joy will be the chief pleasantries of many groups on this historic occasion. And when it is over and has marked the passing of another Easter season, this class of thoughtless individuals—let us think the most of whom customarily pay very little regard for God and religious worship—have experienced very little or nothing of the deeper things of life in the passing of the new Easter day. But such is life on certain festival occasions, as well as at other times, in this so-called Christian land. With churches in reach of everyone, creeds of every faith, and with religious services convenient to all, yet divine worship continues

to be ignored by this class of people as a customary thing. They are sacrificing the spiritual things of the soul for the earthly things of the flesh.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Salvation by Works—A great many people are trying to get to heaven by doing good deeds. Like the young rich man who went running to Jesus, they want to do something. This young man said, "What good thing can I do to inherit eternal life?" It is really surprising to talk with believers who are depending on "doing some good thing" to be saved. Spurgeon said, "The doctrine of salvation by works would silence the hallelujahs of heaven." Paul said, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:3, 9).

What Must I Do to Be Saved?—This is the most important question in the New Testament to me. It was asked by one who was frightened because he realized that God was manifesting His power. The Philippian jailor was anxious to do something to be saved. Listen to Paul, he answers. What does he say? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). But some one asked, "Did not this jailor do something?" Yes, he did something, but it was not what he did, but in whom he believed. Yes, "He took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16:33, 34). It was not what he did, but *what he believed*, that saved him. He did what he did because he believed what he believed—it was his *faith*, that put him in touch with heaven.

If we had a dead saviour, we would have nothing more than the heathen have. We would be in the class with the Mohammedans and others who worship dead men. But thanks be to God we are worshipping, and living with, a "Living Saviour" the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Witnesses—The women, Matthew 28:5, 6. The two disciples, Luke 24:13-32. The disciples, John 20:19-23. Again, one week later to the disciples, when Thomas was present, John 20:24-29. Again, to the disciples at the sea of Tiberius, John 21:1-17. Again, in Acts, 1:3-11 where Christ brought a message of consolation. And assured them of being his witnesses in these words, "But ye shall all receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me in both Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Be sure to read from the third verse to the ninth. Then read again the 15th chapter of First Corinthians. Listen to Paul, "And last of all he was seen of me also" (I Corinthians 15:8). Yes we have all the witnesses necessary, in the person of his disciples, but we, who are His, have an ever present witness—"The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (R. V. Romans 8:16).

The Living Christ—"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death" (Revelation 1:13). This message given to John, in exile, about ninety-six years after the birth of Christ and about sixty years after his resurrection, is a declaration by the "living Christ" himself. It is the last message given by Scripture concerning Him, and affirming the fact, that Jesus arose from the grave" as the disciples had borne witness, together with the women on the day of resurrection and on many occasions afterward.

We want to notice that Jesus said to John, "I am alive forevermore." This has always been a great source of consolation to the true believer. Again notice, that Christ said, "I have the keys of hell and death." Peter used the keys to open the gospel dispensation to the Jews at Pentecost. Again he used them to open the gospel dispensation to the Gentiles, at the home of Cornelius, but Jesus never left the keys with Peter to hold the power over "hell and death."

The Importance of Christ's Resurrection—"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have believed, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain" (I Corinthians 15:1, 2). What is Paul talking about? The fact of Christ's resurrection, together with His death. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3, 4).

It was just as necessary for Jesus to rise again from the dead as it was for him to die for our sins. "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Corinthians 15:14).

To the Baptist Readers

We have a book that will be off the press in a few days. The title is "*Four Favorite Sermons with Highlights of My Life.*" The sermon subjects are: Mother, Home, Heaven, and the Church. The price will be twenty-five cents per copy.

Anyone can get them by ordering them from me, or Ponder's Print Shop, Thomasville, Ga. You can help in this drive if you will, and it will help in the spread of the gospel.

Rev. K. V. Shutes

Letter from Dunham, Kentucky

As clerk of our Quarterly conference, I am sending the following report of the last conference.

The Letcher County Quarterly Conference met with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Kentucky, on February 25th and 26th. We had eleven ordained ministers present and 6 visiting ministers from other conferences. Rev. J. W. Dingus, Jenkins, Kentucky, was elected moderator. The moderator appointed the following committees: Committee on Pulpit—Kora Thompson, Mrs. I. B. Hamby, and W. M. Clark; Temperance Talk—C. W. Ison; Sunday School Talk—L. J. Wintchell.

Preaching at the different services was done by the following ministers: Saturday Morning—J. B. Wheeler and Wade Powers; Saturday Evening—Clyde C. Flannery; Saturday Night—Albert Dingus and Riley Caldwell; Sunday Morning—C. W. Ison and Monroe Hubbard.

We had eight churches reporting with a total membership of 630. The total collection was \$21.47. Five of our churches have Sunday Schools with a total average attendance of 554. I received eight subscriptions for the *Free Will Baptist* at this conference and believe it is just a beginning. We ask all Christian people to pray for us.

J. W. Dingus, Moderator,
Clyde C. Flannery, Clerk

Rock Dale Association

The ministers' meeting is to be held on Friday, March 29, at Bethlehem Church. The first union is to be on Saturday, March 30, at Bethlehem Church.

Rev. R. L. Clark,
Ghio, North Carolina

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The Leaguer's Corner

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Continuing our discussion of the social life of the League, we bring a few other suggestions to you this week.

Types of Games Essential in Nearly Every Social

1. Games for the first-comers.
2. Mixers.
3. Get acquainted games.
4. Active games; such as relay, tag, and group games.
5. Quiet games.
6. Musical games.
7. Stunts; such as tricks, dramatics, and group stunts.
8. Mental teasers.

(A visit to Camp Leach this summer will afford you many such games listed under the group above which you may use in your league at home.)

Some Things to Remember

1. Every social should be well planned. Spend about twice as much time planning a social as you plan to spend in the social itself.
2. Have a time to begin and a time to close the social.
3. Have something going and doing every minute.
4. Have your plans well in mind.
5. If possible, close with a devotional period.

(Write to the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden for a list of their games books. We recommend Handy, Phonology, Cokesbury Party Book, and all of Edna Geister's books.)

Invitations to League Socials

CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Should be attractive.
2. Should advertise the kind of party.
3. Should be different.
4. Should be gotten out several days before the social.

SAMPLES:

1. Invitation to Nut Party

"Hail ye! hail ye! Ye are hereby invited to meet with the austere and august assemblage of the "nuts" in the annual Nuts summer conclave on the _____ Church Lawn, Saturday night at 7:45 o'clock.

"Mr. and Mrs. P. Kan and their eight children will be there, Nut King Clyde, of the Nail family lineage, will recite 'Bee-Yootiful Belinda,' assisted by Prince Nut Homer Springfield. Nuttess Buckner of Paris, Frances, will bring her Nutty Orchestra, which will nuttily orchestrate the very nuttiest orchestrations. The Nut Jester, Mr. _____, will welcome the nuts, and Duke Nut _____ will conduct a nutty auction sale. Many other features too nutty to mention will also be enjoyed." (Supply any local leaguers' names you care.)

2. Invitation to a Pep Party.

"Be a Gay Bird (picture of a bird) for a while and see if you don't feel better. Come to a real honest-to-goodness Good Time social at the _____ Church lawn Monday at 7:30 p. m. Sing peppy songs, hear funny speeches, and above all else see _____ (name some playlet), a three act playlet, written by a home town composer. 'B'lieve me it's a sure nuff laugh fetcher. Refreshments n' everything. We're looking for you."

3. "Take your shovel and your hoe,
Right to the _____
Church yard go,
Enter into the spirit of mystery,
And find the treasure in store for ye.
Show up Monday night at eight.
Unionalls and aprons are the style,
Remember this now and don't be late;

Else you'll miss something worthwhile."

4. "Friday night at seven o'clock,
Don your overalls or frock
At _____ we'll meet,
Bring yourself and something to eat;
Be on time, for on a picnic we wanta go,
To the old Black Bridge on the Blue Blanco."

Goodbye.

Easter Message

By C. J. Harris

The Easter Message claims our attention to the wonders of the great and cherished doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus our Saviour. Christ our Lord is risen today. To the righteous dead it means life beyond the grave. There is better and new life ahead.

Christ is not dead; He still lives. We shall live also. There is a feeling of eternity in us. And Easter Day, which we esteem as commemorative of the resurrection of Christ verifies that feeling. For Christ is the resurrection and the life.

The Easter Message of the resurrection is indeed a miraculous message. It claims supreme faith in our Lord's divinity. It makes sure the purpose of Calvary. The sin of the world was met in Christ, but it did not destroy. He lives today and enters into all our spiritual joys, pure hopes and aspirations. The religion of Jesus abounds with life and immortality.

The Easter Message proclaims God to be the God of the living. He is the God of the living, abiding Christian growing spirit. He is the God of our souls. He will ever lead His people to victory.

The Easter Message is an inspired message, trustworthy and conclusive. There are more stately mansions than these earthly ones where the soul may dwell and live for ever. Therefore, may this 1940 Easter Sun dawn upon our heavenly hope and faith in such a way as will

encourage us to redouble our diligence that we may set out anew to go forth conquering and to conquer in the name and power of the risen Christ. The Easter Message is a noble and marvelous message concerning the Christ of the Ages. The beloved John, the distinguished Revelator, gave us a wonderful record of the Christ of the Ages. Here is a part of the Record: "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks, one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, Saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death."

The significance of realizing this conception of the Christ is that it not only restores Him to the exalted place which He had in the beginning, when the Word was with God and the Word was God, but it also endows Him with all the triumph which He won as a witness in the flesh. For He is twice king who lays aside his glory, power, and majesty in order that He may win kingship through the humblest of service.

Thus, the Alpha becomes Omega as well, and the believer's faith is made to rest in a living, reigning resurrected Christ of the Ages. He who can envisage such a Christ, the Christ the Revelator saw on the isle of Patmos, after His resurrection from the dead, will certainly join in spirit with the "ten thousand

times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," saying, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing."

God has raised Christ from the dead. "A prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people."

Easter Greetings from Eld. E. T. Phillips

The many dear friends of Elder Phillips will be pleased, no doubt, to hear from him during this Easter season. It is with great joy that he sends Easter greetings through the columns of the Baptist to his many friends far and near.

With much happiness, he is looking forward to his eighty-third birthday on Tuesday, March the twenty-sixth. Should he be permitted, by Divine Providence, to see that day, he will rejoice to read the many tokens of sympathy and love mailed to him by his old acquaintances and loving friends. Therefore, may his many friends not disappoint him on that Memorable day, March the twenty-sixth. Think what joy will beam in his countenance as his kind and faithful wife opens by his bedside the different tokens of loving respect which his friends have sent to him.

He has been confined to his bed since April 9, three years ago. He is perfectly helpless: unable to sit up, cannot feed himself, and as helpless as a child. His wife waits upon him daily as a mother cares for a little child. His kind and patient physician, Dr. M. T. Frizzelle, has administered medical care unto him regularly during the past three years. At times he has made as many as three calls daily to administer to his weakened and nervous condition. Both the doctor and Mrs. Phillips have been rendering all the while most excellent care of his feeble condition. While his mind is clear most

of the time, yet he is very weak in body.

The Elder receives company at times, by his friends who drop in a few moments to greet him and to express words of sympathy and love for him and Mrs. Phillips. Friends calling by Ayden are welcome to drop in to visit him for a few minutes.

Let us hope that the Elder and his devoted companion will have much to rejoice over on March the twenty-sixth when they receive tokens of esteem and love from his many friends far and near.

R. B. Spencer, his esteemed friend

Easter Morning

By L. Everett Ballard

The golden sun was glad to rise,
That morning of long ago;
And shed his softest rays of light
Upon the glorious scene below:
The angels, too, were glad to come,
All robed in spotless white
And bring the message that would free
From fear of death's dark night.
And as the sun from cloudless sky
Shone down upon a world of doubt,
The angels rolled the stone away,
And the Son of God came out!
Lord over life, Lord over death,
To reign and bless forever more,
And say to a world of troubled men
"The power of sin and death is o'er!"
The sun still glowed when Mary came,
But brighter was the Master's smile;
And sweet the hope He gave to her
Of glad re-unions after while:
And to our own sad hearts shall come
The same sweet hope today.
We, too, shall see our Risen Lord
When clouds have passed away!

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Doing Mission Work in Houston for the Present

We were making all arrangements to leave Florida, for Cuba in February when we received a letter from Brother Davidson of Bryan, Texas to consider opening a work in the city of Houston, Texas, at the same time Brother Blackwelder wrote saying that funds had not been coming in so well for foreign missions, making the suggestion that we might consider this for a few weeks that funds sufficient at least for the expense of returning to the labor on our mission field might be realized. Our natural inclinations would lead us to make every effort to go into the field the Church has set us a side to work in distant lands and a benighted people, but on the other hand, we can truly say with John Wesley, "The world is my parish," and when we say that we are acknowledging that the supreme task of the Christian minister is to reach all men, all about us.

We made the trip over to Texas by train, as both Mrs. Willey and I travel on half rates, arriving in Bryan and from here we begin our operations. On arriving we discovered that things had happened rather rapid, but here we were in answer to prayer. Some of our Free Will Baptist people were working in Houston and some in Huntsville, Texas, in an endeavor to meet the need in this town and city. First going to Huntsville, we decided that the door was closed for any immediate work there, so we made plans to go at once to Houston, spending two days in investigation. Brother and Sister Lawless moved into this great city from one of our country churches and began to get in touch with our people all over the city. We found some of our preachers there, but no effort to organize our people, who at one time numbered over three hundred in that city. Brother Davidson, Brother Wiggs and I began to study some communities in that great city. I must say we were in one of the finest, most

progressive cities I have ever seen with magnificent buildings and eminent churches, a city over-churched, one might say, "Why go in and organize another church where there is at least a minister to every seven hundred of the population?" Naturally the world and unspiritual people look at it that way, and I am afraid that many of our Free Will Baptists have looked at it the same way for the past one hundred years, for apparently we have made little effort to reach our people in these great cities of our land. Home missions in the United States has had the challenge presented to clergy and laity all during the past history of the people called Free Will Baptists. Did they meet this challenge? Yes, I find the trail faintly of those old godly pioneers coming over from Tennessee and Georgia and where these pioneers settled in Texas they built not only a log home but a log church. I have gone into Michigan and Missouri and found in the northern parts of these States the trail of the Free Baptists and their descendants. Somebody stopped and settled down and for some reason did not go into these great cities with sons and daughters migrating to the cities. Again, because a city seems to be over-churched does not signify that there is an over abundance of Gospel preaching.

We were going in to merely organize another church, we would be selfish and narrow and as a result all we would have would be another meeting house, this is not our purpose; we go to present the evangel.

We had occasion to meet a fine capable young preacher who was reared in a Free Will Baptist home and began his ministry in the Free Will Baptist church. His grandfather and his wife's grandfathers were Free Will Baptists. We lost this young man to the Assemblies of God, a denomination less than 60 years old, but having in the city of Houston 27 churches and they support an army of foreign missionaries on the fields of the world.

I took every occasion to witness

to the Mexicans who were all about us and found a tender response from them. Here and there we would pass a Mexican Presbyterian Church, or a Baptist Mexican church. The Gospel is being presented to them by these other groups, but there is plenty room for us to present Christ's message to them also. Here is a challenge for you laymen to do something for the foreign element in our cities.

The great problem we are faced with, after we organize something in these cities, is where shall we find pastors on full time to go into these cities? Talk is very easy but where are the people who will say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." There is no question in my mind about starting a work in Houston, Texas, but we challenge you to say where is the young man fully equipped to take such places?

As urgent as this work is to organize our people do not forget that God's message and messengers shall not perish in these places. The means are at hand for enlightenment in every city, town, hamlet in these United States of America. All the unsaved need is the will to seek the Lord and he shall be found of them. God has in these last days even made the ethereal waves of the air to carry the voice of his messengers.

I am of the opinion we shall go places in the realm of achievement as a denomination, meeting our obligation to the unsaved all about us, when the laity of our churches are willing to combine paying with praying. I thoroughly believe in prayer, but pray without pay is very cheap and one of the axioms of life is you get just what you pay for.

We are called on as a denomination to stand for the Gospel of Christ in this corrupt age, but I am sure as a Free Will Baptist, we are broad enough to realize that we do not and cannot, and need not stand alone, but with all others who are true to this same gospel in an apostate age.

Rev. Thomas Willey,
Bryan, Texas

The Challenging Quarter

By Rev. E. C. Morris,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

To the Leaguers of North Carolina,
Greetings:

Well, Leaguers, probaly this is what you have been looking for, and here it is. The 1940 Challenging Quarter. This should be the principle topic of the leaguers' conversation for the next few weeks, or until the campaign has gone over in a big way. This is the third year that the Challenging Quarter has met the leaguers of North Carolina. The first year, it was suggested in a

secretary or general director to be placed on the wall of your meeting room. See that this chart is properly placed and that every leaguer, from the little folk to the adult age be given an opportunity to make their sacrificial contribution to these worthy causes. Last year, there were thirty-two leagues that responded. This year, we are expecting at least fifty leagues to respond. The honor roll, consisting of the leagues that respond to the campaign, will be read at the League Convention in July. Where will your league be placed on the honor roll? Altogether, leaguers. Let's make this Campaign the greatest yet.

Easter and a Risen Christ

By Mrs. C. T. Adams,
(Edgemont F. W. B. Church),
Durham, North Carolina

Easter is here at last, and with it comes new suits of apparel, bunny rabbits, and the memory of a "Risen Christ." I mention Him last, not because He is least, but the most of us who profess to love Him, are guilty of giving Him third place in our lives. Pride and bunny rabbits mean more to us at Easter than a "Risen Christ." Is this true of you, or is Christ your all in all, this Easter?

There never was an enterprise in the world which seemed more completely at an end than did that of Jesus on the last Old Testament Sabbath. It was a time which caused people to feel that Christianity died with Christ, and laid with Him in the sepulchre. When He was buried and the stone was rolled to the mouth of the tomb, there was not a single human being that believed He would ever rise again before the day of the world's doom. The Jewish authorities were satisfied of this. His career had been short. He was in the grave and they were satisfied.

When Jesus was arrested, His disciples forsook Him and fled. Peter followed Him to the High Priest's palace, only to fail Him more than

the rest. John followed Him even to Golgotha, and he may have hoped against hope that Jesus would descend and set up His messianic kingdom. But the last moment went by, and nothing was done. There was nothing left for them to do now, but return to their homes and fishing as disappointed men to be twitted the rest of their lives, because they had followed a pretender who promised to seat them on thrones.

As the dawn of a new day broke forth something happened. Women who loved Jesus got up early and went to the sepulchre, on the first Christian Sabbath, not to see it empty but to embalm His body for its long sleep. He had told them of His sufferings, death and resurrection, but they never understood these sayings, and when He was dead, these sayings gave them no comfort whatever. Mary ran to the disciples to tell them the news, not that He was risen, but that the body had been taken away, and laid she knew not where. On her way she met the "Risen Christ," who made himself known to her. When the disciples heard the news from the women, they could not believe and thought the women were telling idle tales. They doubted that we might believe.

He proved himself to them by showing the nail prints in His hands and His pierced side. When they resumed their faith in Him, they no longer pursued worldly ends, but spiritual ones. They no longer expected thrones, but persecution and death. As Christ arose from the dead in a transfigured body, so did Christianity. It had put off its carnality. The apostles no longer loved worldly things, they were made separate by their faith in a Risen Christ. May this lesson be a challenge to all who have faith in the Risen Christ—not to mind worldly things, but to center our minds on heavenly things.

Christ arose, Christ arose,
Hallelujah, Christ arose!

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meeting of the Executive Board of the League Convention and was adopted for the purpose of securing means for missions and the Field Secretaries. The response was very gratifying, especially, since the campaign was not vigorously waged. Last year, the campaign was adopted by the Convention and more effort was put forth to properly inform the leaguers of the objectives which consisted of Foreign Missions, The Orphanage and the Field Secretaries. Much interest was manifested in the campaign and the results were some better than the first year. This year, by order of the Convention, there are five objectives, all of which are very worthy. Namely, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Orphanage, Christian Education and Superannuation. My, what a small amount the leaguers are being asked to contribute! Just five cents for each object. No doubt many will gladly exceed the minimum and send in a real offering. A chart has been sent to your league

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Program

Program for the Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention to be held with Beaver Dam Church, Columbus County, April 6, 1940.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Devotions—Mrs. Lacy Mae Hinson
- 10:10—Welcome Address, Mrs. Katie McPherson
- 10:20—Response—Mrs. Edgie Ransom
- 10:25—Special Music
- 10:35—Business Period
- 11:30—Special Music
- 11:35—Convention—Rev. W. L. Jernigan
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions—Mrs. Maude Inman
- 1:15—Report of Directors
- 1:45—Remarks by President
- 1:55—Special Music
- 2:00—Christian Education Address—Mrs. W. L. Jernigan
- 2:10—Woman's Place in the Kingdom Work—Open Forum led by Mrs. Rebecca Fowler
- 2:30—Report of committees
- 2:55—Stewardship Contest
- Song and Benediction
- Mrs. H. C. Adcox, *Pres.*,
- Mrs. D. J. Pait, *Secy.*

Program

Program of the quarterly meeting of Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee when convened with Good Springs Church, Sautrday, March 30, 1940.

Morning

- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. W. H. Oliver
- 10:15—Moderator takes charge—Roll call and reading of minutes of last meeting
- 10:30—Reading of Church Letters
- 10:45—Reports of Associational Board Chairman
 - 1. Foreign Missions, Rev. I J. Blackwelder
 - 2. Home Missions, Mrs. J. W. Maxey
 - 3. Orphanage, Mrs. Fannie Polston
 - 4. Education, Miss Allene Reed
- 11:45—Song Service, Rev. W. H. Oliver, Director
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Darnell Williams
- 1:15—Roll call and reading of late church letters
- 1:30—Tennessee's part in the National Educational Program, Mrs. J. E. Frazier
- 2:00—Report of Association Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Fambrough
- 2:15—Financing the Church and its work, Rev. J. E. Hudgens
- 2:45—The National Superannuation Program, Mrs. J. E. Simpson
- 3:15—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Fannie Polston
- 3:20—Miscellaneous Business
- 4:00—Adjournment

Program

Program of the Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle District to be held with the Church at Sidney in

Beaufort County on Thursday, April 4, 1940.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotionals, Mrs. Laura Hill
- 10:20—Address of Welcome—Mrs. Katie Roper
- 10:25—Response, Mrs. L. E. Furlough
- 10:30—Special Music, by local choir
- 10:35—Business Period
- 11:00—Congregational Singing, led by Rev. E. C. Morris
- 11:15—Sermon, Rev. Duffy Toler
- 11:50—Announcements
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotionals, Mrs. E. C. Morris
- 1:20—Special Music, by Malachi's Chapel Aid Society
- 1:30—"Effort", Mrs. C. W. Bowen
- 1:45—Report of Committees
- 2:00—Discussion, "How We May Improve Our Organization" led by Mrs. H. S. Swain
- 2:30—Benediction
- Mrs. Richard Mariner,
- Mrs. D. H. Furlough,
- Mrs. W. H. Harrison,
- Committee

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Program

The union meeting of the Eastern South Carolina conference will convene with the church at Williams Hill, Hemingway, S. C., on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotional exercises, led by the moderator
- 9:45—Appointment of committees
 - List of preachers
 - List of churches
- 10:35—A testimonial meeting
- 11:00—Preaching
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Reassemble for business
 2:15—Reports of committees
 2:30—New business
 3:30—Adjournment

Elder M. L. Howell, *Mod.*
 J. G. Williams, *Clerk*

A Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh

DO WE WANT IT?

Today we are hearing suggestions from many sources for progress in our denomination, such as, *more foreign missions, more home missions, more money to do with, and more education among our leaders.* All these are constructive, and I heartily endorse the articles you have been writing on them.

From these ideas and suggestions, we must conclude that the greatest need of the Free Will Baptist is a Spirit filled, substantial home base. In other words, the need is in the individual local church. For it is in the local church that we find the beginning and source of all constructive, foreign and home missions, financial, and educational programs.

There are three things that lead to progress which we as churches and ministers should do: 1. We should sponsor these programs (home and foreign missions, financial and educational) in all our churches where they are already established; 2. We should start these programs in churches where they are not practiced; 3. We should establish new churches in which to sponsor these programs. Are we doing our best in these?

Brother J. H. Corbitt of Micro, Brother M. E. Tyson of Middlesex, and I, with the aid of two real estate companies in Raleigh made an investigation of a church in Raleigh which is for sale. It is located just two blocks from the capitol

building. It would cost at least \$35,000.00 to construct a building like it now; yet it can be bought for less than \$10,000.00. On investigating the property through one of the above real estate companies a few days ago, I found it can be purchased for only \$2,500.00 down and the other on time.

Several of our leading ministers who are interested in a progressive program for our denomination have spoken in favor of the establishment of a church in Raleigh. In a letter from Brother J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, N. C. he said, "I think the proposition is worthy of our serious consideration, and I heartily endorse such an undertaking." Brother M. E. Tyson of Middlesex, North Carolina writes, "This is to say that I am fully in accord with the proposition at Raleigh. I do trust that something may be satisfactorily worked out." Brother Henry Melvin of Durham, North Carolina encourages us not to give up the undertaking saying, "Keep the Raleigh proposition on your heart." Today I received a letter from Brother C. A. Fitzgerald of Micro, North Carolina who is interested in a church in Raleigh. In the letter he said, I have thought over this proposition and will say that it is a big undertaking . . . it can be done. We are strong enough to pay cash for it provided we can stir up enough interest among our people . . . I have seen the building and think it worth the price. You may put me down for the last \$500.00 to be paid on it. . . . If our people think well of it, it might be that I would put more in it, but would not commit myself further until I see how the people think of it." We have another verbal pledge for \$100.00 from Brother J. H. Corbitt of Micro, N. C.

Minister friend and Brother, You may not be able to help but very little on this building for our denomination, but I am sure that you know of some Christians who are able to contribute to the cause of Christ in this way. Go to see them

and read this letter to them. Show them how they can be good stewards for Christ by having a part in the purchase of a new church in a town where we do not have one.

Write to me if you are interested. State in your letter what you will be willing to pledge. I will forward it on to Brother C. A. Fitzgerald who is an able financier and who will be in charge of all funds if the purchase is made. Let him know how interested you are in progress. While you have this on your mind, pray about it. Then sit down and write us what you think about it.

Yours in His Service,
 Chester Pelt,
 Greenville, N. C.

Dangers of Rejecting Christ's Invitation

(Continued from page three)

'almost'? Almost saved, but lost! Almost persuaded, but will not yield!

Those who persistently decline to come to the supper shall be forever excluded from its enjoyment. "For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." It is a sad truth, but the rejectors of Christ are themselves eternally rejected by Christ.

This parable reveals the fact that, notwithstanding the rejection of this invitation by multitudes, God's house shall be filled at last. Heaven will be fully occupied with God's redeemed people.

Will you accept Christ now? All things are now ready.

*My times are in thy hand,
 Whatever they may be,
 Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
 As best may see to thee.*

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. Psalm 31:16.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Continuing Task

(Lesson for March 31)

Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20.

Golden Text Illuminated: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

"They are calling, ever calling,
From the distant outer lands,
They are dying in the darkness,
Reaching out vain groping hands:
They have never heard the story
Of the Christ of Calvary;
Who will answer, 'I will tell them,
Here am I, send me.'

"They are calling, ever calling,
They are being sacrificed,
'Other sheep' for whom He perished,
Now are dying without Christ;
Let their awful need appalling
Be the call that reaches thee,
Answer quickly, answer bravely,
'Here am I, send me, send me.'"

As for the ends of the earth: I am ashamed to tell you that very little has been accomplished along that line. A recent survey shows that there are 27, 483 Protestant missionaries at work in foreign lands—527 less than there were in 1925.

Yes, there are 203,468 native workers connected with these Protestant missions, of whom 17,789 are ordained ministers. Yes, the number of church members has increased from 8,340,000 in 1925 to 13,036,000. But what is that compared with the two billions of people on the earth.—H. M. H.

I. Home Work

1. How many appearances of the risen Christ are mentioned? (John 20:11-15; Matthew 28:8-10; Luke

24:34; I Corinthians 15:8; Luke 24:13-31; John 20:19, 26; 21:1; Matthew 28:17; 1 Corinthians 15:7; Acts 1:9-12; 9:3-6; 22:17-19; 23:11; 7:55; Revelation 1:10-19).

2. By whom was the Name of Christ first preached in Jerusalem? (Acts 2:14).

3. What caused the preaching to be extended to Judea and Samaria? (Acts 8:1).

4. Who carried the Gospel to Samaria? (Acts 8:5; comp. 6:5).

5. Who was the first Gentile convert? (Acts 8:26-40).

6. What part did Peter have in the evangelization of Samaritans and Gentiles? (Acts 8:14-17; 10:44-48).

7. Which Church sent out the first "foreign missionaries?" (Acts 13:1-3).

8. What obligation did Paul feel in the matter of world evangelization? (Romans 1:14, 15).

9. What is to be the theme of our preaching among all nations? (Luke 24:47).

10. In whose Name is salvation to be found? (Acts 4:12).

11. We call your attention to the helps in the Advanced and Senior Quarterlies. Pray for our own missionaries, both home and foreign. Then include all true missionaries in your prayer.

II. Illustrations

Making a Coffin for His Enemies

When Julian the Apostate, who sought to light again the fires of the altars of the pagan gods, and destroy Christianity, was on the march with his army in the campaign against Persia, in the year 363, one of the soldiers of his army said to a Christian who was being abused by the soldiery, "Where is your carpenter now? *"He is making a coffin for your emperor,"* was the reply of the Christian. A few months afterward, Julian received

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a mortal wound in battle. The rumor was spread through the army that the wound was inflicted by a Christian soldier in the ranks of the Roman army, and according to the story of Theoderet, Julian realizing that his death was at hand, dipped his hand in the blood of his wound and threw the blood toward Heaven, exclaiming as he did so, "Thou has conquered, O Galilean!" Yes, the Carpenter of Nazareth, exalted to the right hand of God, is making a coffin for all the kings and kingdoms of this world. One by one they flourish and are gone. But Christ's is an everlasting Kingdom. All that is not obedient to Him, and subject to Him, shall perish. That alone endures which belongs to Him. —Dr. Clarence E. McCartney, in *Christian Victory Magazine*.

2. Beckoning Hands

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations" (A. S. V.). In many localities the heathen are stretching out their hands for the messengers of the Gospel. Bishop Taylor tells of a village in Africa where he called for a day with his little missionary boat, but was not able to remain or leave a missionary with them. They were bitterly disappointed and long entreated him to altar his purpose and leave a teacher among them. But it was beyond his power, and he sorrowfully left them. As he sailed up the river he saw them standing on the bank beckoning to him with eager expectancy. Two days later he returned, sailing down the stream. As they passed the village, the natives were still upon the banks watching for him. As they saw that he did not intend to land, they became wild in their gesticulations and cries, waving their arms, leaping high in the air, shouting and trying in every way to attract his attention. He felt the appeal in every fiber of his being, but he could do nothing. He had no one to leave, and as he sailed down the river his heart was broken with the sight.—Dr. A. B. Simpson, in *The Missionary Worker*.

Note the Change

The readers of the Baptist will notice that my street address is changed from 1115 E. Douglas Avenue to 937 Seymore Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Yours in Him,

I. J. Blackwelder

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Notice

This is to call attention that Piny Grove Church, Pitt County, is the place of the next Central District Auxiliary convention which will be held on Wednesday, March 27. The church is located on the Farmville-Greenville highway.

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Boys and Girls Corner

The Easter Angel

The children were looking at the picture of an angel who was saying to the women in the garden on that first Easter morning, "Christ is risen."

"Mother, wouldn't you like to see an angel?" asked Robert softly.

"It would be wonderful," answered mother. "But this afternoon I saw several messengers that God had sent to tell us the same story that these beautiful angels told so long ago."

"Did you, really, mother?" cried Robert. "Tell us about them."

"The first messenger was a bluebird," said mother. "All winter it had been in the far, warm Southland, but the bird knew that it was spring, and that the North would soon be beautiful and green again in spite of the cold wind that blew. It sang joyfully from the bare branch of the apple tree, telling the world that it was Easter time and waking time."

"The next messenger was a little white snowdrop. I had planted the little bulbs in the ground, and there they had been all winter under the ice and snow, but in the Father's good time they lived and awakened. The slender stems had pushed thru the cold, hard earth. Tomorrow there will be more in bloom."

"I saw a messenger, too, a gray pussy willow that dropped its brown blanket," cried Robert.

"Jesus said, 'Because I live, ye shall live also,' and that is what these messengers are trying to say, isn't it, mother?" Ruth asked.

"I think it is," replied mother.—*The Sunbeam.*

Ecclesiastes 3: 11a: "*He hath made everything beautiful in its time.*"

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

REVEREND S. H. STYRON

The sixteenth of December 1939 marks the "Home-going" of Reverend S. H. Styron of Pine Level, North Carolina. Brother Styron was born at Sea Level on the eastern coast of North Carolina in the year of 1891. He became a Christian at an early age. In the year of 1912 he entered the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina in preparation for his life's work as a minister of the gospel. At the close of his years of preparation, he took his place on the field of his denomination. Then he became one of its most prominent and successful pastors. He also did evangelistic work very extensively and with ardor and spiritual fervor he battled for the souls of men. Those who had the privilege of seeing him in action as an ambassador for Christ never felt inclined to doubt his sincerity.

Among the churches to be blessed by his pastoral leadership were Goldsboro, Spring Hill, Shady Grove, Wilson, Johnson Union, Friendship in Jones County, Lucama, Marsh Swamp, Pine Level, Pleasant Grove, Kenly, and Micro. The latter four constitute his pastorate at the time of his passing. He was president of the North Carolina State Association for a number of years and shared becomingly with his brethren in their endeavor to promote the cause of Christ through his church. In his passing he leaves to mourn their loss a devoted wife, Ida Oliver Styron; one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Warren of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; two sons, Simon Jr. and Ralph G. of Pine Level; and three sisters and two brothers, all of Eastern North Carolina.

We bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and implore His grace and guidance on behalf of his family, his friends, and the church which he loved most dearly.

Humbly submitted,
Rev. J. A. Evans
M. E. Tyson

CLARK. On January 3, 1940, our dear brother James O. Clark, died after having been sick about two weeks.

He was a member of Gum Swamp Church, and lived faithful unto the end. He was loved by all who knew him. We mourn not as those who have no hope.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, four little girls, his mother and father, three sisters, one brother, and his grandmother.

Rev. M. E. Tyson conducted the funeral at the church of which he was a member.

Dear brother, we miss you,
Since you went away;

But we are hoping to meet you

In that happy Home some day.

Written by one who loved him, his sister,

Mrs. Alice L. Harrell

North Carolina Auxiliary Conventions

(Auxiliary Work continued from page 10)

The District Auxiliary conventions of North Carolina will be holding their spring meetings soon, and I hope that great good will be accomplished as a result of prayerful efforts. In order for every meeting to be a success, it is necessary for everyone in a responsible position to do her part. If you are an officer in your local society, you are responsible for a report to the corresponding officer in your district. Are you working on that report? Please do not fail to mail it to the proper District Auxiliary Convention.

If the district officers receive your reports, they will be able to send to the corresponding state officers a complete report of the work done in their departments in the district, which will enable us to have a complete report of all work done all over the State at our State Convention on May 23 at Bladenboro. May each one realize that a great deal depends upon your co-operation, and you should do your part.

Each local society is entitled to one delegate for each 25 active members or fraction thereof. This applies to the District and State Conventions. By active members, we mean the ones who pay their dues and have attended at least one of the last three meetings.

Send your 10 cents per capita dues plus donation to the district

dues to the State Convention. Each district is entitled to one delegate to the State Convention. May we put forth special effort to attend our conventions, and pray earnestly that the Lord will lead and bless in all our efforts.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Pres.,
N. C. State Aux. Convention.

To the Sunday Schools

Dear Sunday School Leaders:

I am now putting the program, which as chairman of the committee have drawn up, with the approval of one other. You will note that I only have the six schools included on the program which represented at the last convention. I have allowed 45 minutes to each in view of the fact others would represent at this meeting, and hardly any of the schools will have programs that long, therefore, we will have other Sunday schools to represent. We desire to have as many to represent as possible. If you do not have a program, come anyway, and I'll see that you will derive much good from your being here.

If your school wants to represent, come and you will be placed in order on the program. Please do not stay away because your name is not included on the program.

THE PROGRAM

This program is for the Sunday School Convention of the lower South Carolina Conference. It is to be held with Little Lamb Free Will Baptist Church, April 6, 1940.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotional
- 9:45—Appointment of various committees, judges, etc.
- Minutes of last meeting to read
- List of Sunday Schools called
- 10:00—Program, Little Lamb

- 10:45—Georgetown
- 11:30—Williams Hill

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotional
- 1:30—New Zion
- 2:15—New Prospect
- 3:45—Various reports of judges, field workers, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.

- 4:00—Business session

- 4:30—Adjournment

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"We shall reach the river side,
Some sweet day, some sweet day;
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Some sweet day, some sweet day.
We shall press the sands of gold,
While before our eyes untold;
Heaven splendor yet untold,
Some sweet day, some sweet day.

We shall pass inside the gate,
Some sweet day, some sweet day.
Peace and plenty for us wait,
Some sweet day, some sweet day.
We shall hear the wondrous strain,
Christ the Lamb for sinners slain;
Christ was dead but lives again,
Some sweet day, some sweet day.

We shall meet our loved and own,
Some sweet day, some sweet day.
Gathering 'round the great white throne,
Some sweet day, some sweet day.
By the tree of life so fair,
Joy and rapture every where;
Oh, the bliss of over there,
Some sweet day, some sweet day."

—Anonymous

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Rev. K. V. Shutes

Whether to see life as it is will give us much consolation, I know not; but the consolation drawn from truth, if any there be, is solid and durable; that which may be derived from error, must be, like its original, fallacious and fugitive.—*Dr. Samuel Johnson.*

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Brief History of Rev. Z. P. Ferrell's Ministry

By Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark

This is the brief story of a faithful Free Will Baptist minister, a man of strong faith and unyielding convictions. He knew the Bible as few men, could quote hundreds of passages and give, without the least hesitation, the book and verse where quotations were to be found.

For many years, like many others, he resisted the call to preach; perhaps he felt the lack of proper qualifications, but when nearly fifty years old he finally yielded; and in yielding, gave himself with all the vigor of his strong body and keen mind. He was ordained in the year 1907, and his first pastorate was with Free Union, Wake County.

His beginning had the elements of discouragement for a less courageous man, since at his first appointment only two were present to hear the message of the new preacher, however, he always looked back with peculiar pleasure to this inauspicious beginning. For, at the next appointment, a large congregation was on hand to both greet him and listen to his message. The two men who had been present the first service had evidently made a favorable report; these brethren were Messrs. Tom Davis and George Richards. He delighted in preaching evangelistic sermons, and God gave him many souls in return. His zeal and enthusiasm were almost unlimited, his personality pleasing and his preaching persuasive, and the two people listened with rapt attention.

Often the response was spontaneous and highly gratifying, people were constantly being saved, and entering upon new lives. His service here lasted about three years; and among others he baptized the three Woodlief brothers who were to become pillars in the church and whose families now make the church

an enterprising and going organization. Ferrell was called a second time to this church and again met with gratifying success in every phase of his pastorate.

Mr. Ferrell's second pastorate was with Tippet's Chapel, Wake county, near the Johnson county line and is located approximately fifty miles from the pastor's Durham county home; and his means of travel consisted of mule and buggy, however through summer's heat and winter's cold, on rainy, as well as sunny days, always found the pastor present, faithful and punctual. After two year's service, the distance traveled in filling appointments seemed to necessitate giving up the church. His ministry had been fruitful, souls had been saved and added to the membership. Reverses apparently came to the church and Mr. Ferrell was called a second time, and found the congregation discouraged, and talk of disbanding was rife, this course the pastor strongly discouraged, and won out and today Tippet's Chapel is a prosperous and coming church.

And one of the assets of which the church and community are justly proud is a fine church building, Z. P. Ferrell's influence still lives in the church and community and this present building and congregation constitute a part of the monument to the memory of a faithful pastor in the person of Z. P. Ferrell.

Beginnings of Free Will Baptist Work in Durham

To two men came a great vision; vision has been the inspiration of much man has accomplished in the Kingdom of God. These men were Rev. T. C. Marks and Rev. Z. P. Ferrell. They saw many in nobody's church on Sunday, and conceived the idea of organizing a Free

Will Baptist church to reach many not otherwise reached; and, what is now known as the First Free Will Baptist church, is the partial realization of that vision. While the influence and fruits of the vision are by no means limited to the sphere of the First church, since near by, now worships a prosperous and growing congregation, another Free Will Baptist church, a mighty force for righteousness in all East Durham where an able and aggressive pastor leads a progressive congregation.

That vision of T. C. Marks and Z. P. Ferrell has been a great blessing to the Edgemont section of Durham. One noteworthy fruitage of that vision has been the number of young men, in the prime of young manhood converted and enlisted in the Master's cause. One would travel far to find its parallel. When the First church was established Mr. Ferrell became its first pastor. The people loved him and were loyal to him, and he held revivals with the church that were noteworthy in results. And the church grew gradually under his ministry. In revivals he urged penitents to come to the Mercy Seat and remain until thoroughly satisfied they were actually saved. Z. P. Ferrell was never just a handshaking evangelist; he preached, and preached faithfully, that salvation is the result of repentance and faith. And the people appreciated his firm stand for the faith the great pioneer, Paul Palmer, handed down to us. Z. P. Ferrell had no compromise to make with sin wherever found. His faithful co-worker, Rev. I. C. Marks succeeded Mr. Ferrell in the pastorate and carried the work forward. He was a man of strong faith and strong convictions.

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EDITORIAL

God's Call to Wayward Israel

In obedience to God's command, Amos the prophet went to speak his prophetic words to the people of Israel. Though coming from a simple station in life, as Moses, Elisha, and the Lord's disciples, had done, Amos entered boldly upon the work which God had assigned for him to do. He cried out to the people, saying, "Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation." The kingdom of Israel was in a calamitous condition. The people as a whole had forgotten God, they had turned to idolatrous worship, they had become licentious in their ways of living, and they had oppressed the poor in the gate. Injustice in the courts had been practiced against those who were unable to defend their rights. Israel had lost her charm, her beautiful and gay state of affairs had become corrupted, and she had fallen into contempt, and thus she had lost her former dignity and power. Her people were diminished by war; for example, cities sending out one thousand strong and brave men had lost all but one hundred; and those sending out one hundred to battle had returning only ten. Israel had brought these calamities upon herself because she had turned from God and had broken his commandments.

But God sent Amos to warn the people of the impending judgment, and to urge them to seek the Lord. By seeking the Lord they would obtain life; that is, abundance of life here. There would come to them joy and happiness in living this life by seeking God, and then by living correct lives before the world. Amos spoke God's word definitely to them concerning their transgressions. He said, "I know your manifold transgressions, and your mighty sins." What were their great sins? Note,

they may be listed in the following way: (1) Worshipping idols and corrupting the worship of God; (2) the practice of injustice among themselves, making the administrations of justice bitter and nauseous; (3) the oppression of the poor to make them more poor, taking from them what was needed for their families; and (4) the malicious persecutions of God's faithful ministers, for they hated to be chastised by them for their evil deeds. They could not bear to be reproved. They had become a profligate people, respecting neither God nor man. Even the prudent men, the good men of the kingdom, were afraid to open their mouths and rebuke those high in authority. God knew their deeds were evil. Amos told them not to seek Bethel, for it with its golden calf, would come to naught. Said he, the enemy will come and despoil it. Likewise they were warned not to enter into Gilgal, the stronghold of idolatry at that time, for the enemy would come and carry the people into captivity. Amos warned them that all of the kingdom of Israel was in danger of God's judgment lest they repent. He declared that, although they had built houses of hewn stone, and had planted pleasant vineyards, they should not be privileged to enjoy them. Again, Amos warned the people in positive terms of God's impending wrath and plead with them to seek God before it would be too late.

How strange is it that people will wander from God's love and care! Yet, think how God loves them! Even today men forget God and his goodness. They go after the things of the world. They commit sin and wrongfully treat those with whom they deal to obtain their heart's desire. principles of right and justice, peace and friendship do not hold them in check when they are set on carrying their points.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention—The Eastern Auxiliary Convention of the church was held last Thursday with the church at Beaulville, North Carolina. To this writer's mind it was one of the best that has been in the history of the convention. The reports were real encouraging to all concerned. These women are growing in efficiency in carrying out the name, "Aid Society." Along with the Aids, a real energetic Missionary minded spirit is being manifested in the majority of the auxiliaries. Then to plus the Missionary Spirit, we have several societies of the younger women known as "Missionary Societies," and these women are very zealously working for the spread of the Gospel of Christ.

A Call Has Gone Out—Rev. J. R. Bennett has sent out a call which call is in keeping with the duty of his office in the National Educational Program. Brother Minister, Bennett has put the responsibility over on us. He has told us what he wants us to know. Now we are to carry the message to the members of our congregations. When we have read this letter I trust that we will put forth an honest effort to put it over. This little request—only the equivalent of Ten Cents Per Member—should be collected at once and sent to the National Treasurer, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas. If we love our church, and if we love our Christ, I do not see how that we can say, "No" to this appeal. We must try, and we will.

Why Do Christians Work?—This is an important question. Why do we work? Paul says, "We are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9). To whom was Paul speaking? Not to unbelievers, but unto those who had believed. Even though they were weak believers—certainly they were very weak—just "milk babes"—but they

were "brethren" according to Paul. They worked because they believed in Christ. Again Paul writes, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). It is God's way. We work because we are saved. The saved person wants to see others saved. When Andrew found the Christ, he went out to find Simon Peter. The woman at Jacob's well went out when she met Christ, saying, "Come see a man, who told me all things." So, it is, when a person is "born of water and the Spirit." A young husband said to me, one evening, in a great revival, when he had found Christ, "I want you to go with me to see my wife for she is not saved." A man of many years in sin, confessed Christ in a morning service, where I was in a revival meeting, and said, "Come and go home with me, I want you to pray for my wife." The first thing he did was not to invite me to wash and get ready for dinner, as is usually the custom, but he reached for his Bible, and gave it to me and said, "Wife come here, I want you to find the Christ that I found at the church." I read, we knelt and prayed, and this wife was brought to a confession of faith in Christ. This man, like the young man mentioned above, started to work just as soon as he believed. The reason that so many church members are doing, is because they need to know Jesus Christ. Not to be saved, but because we are saved, may we sing and pray from the depth of our hearts, "I want to be worker for the Lord."

Home Mission Report

Dear Co-Workers in Christ:

It has been sometime since we have written through the Baptist paper. We have been busy all the time. We have just finished a nine week's revival meeting. We left Illinois the last of December, and started a meeting the last Sunday in December with Brother and Sister

Dodd at the Desloge Church.

The power of the Holy Spirit was with us from the very beginning of the meeting. The bitter cold weather set in and the streets were full of ice and snow for weeks, but a few of us kept on fighting the battle. Then the influenza broke out, and nearly every home had sick ones in them for several weeks. This made the crowds small at the church, but in a few nights others would drop in to the meeting. Bro. James F. Miller, with his wonderful church people at Flat River, came night after night, and helped when our crowds were sick. Then at the last souls began to be saved, and up until last Sunday we had 31 conversions.

The revival broke out in such a way in the last few services that the pastor and the church people were impressed that the meeting should go on another week. So we felt that a great work will yet be done. We felt that our part of the meeting in person was over, so we visited Bro. Miller and the Flat River church on Monday night, and had a wonderful service. We thank God for such leaders as Brother and Sister Miller. This makes the tenth year as pastor of this church and he still draws large crowds of people to hear him. He has wonderful fellowship with his people.

We made our home with Brother and Sister Dodd while in Desloge. They are fine people. They were converted in our tent meeting while in the "Lead Belt." We thank God for their wonderful influence.

We came to Mine La Motte on Tuesday night and have been here two nights. We have had fine services both nights. We will be here two weeks. Then we are going to take a missionary tour down thru Oklahoma, and a few points in Texas, and then return to Missouri for more meetings. Pray for us.

Sisters, it will not be long before our National Mission Reports, and don't forget, you Third Vice-Presidents, to send me a report of your work in due time. We hope to get a district convention organized in this

part of the State when the weather is better. The cold weather has hindered the work in several places. But now since spring is at the door, we hope to make up for the lost time. May God bless each reader of the Baptist and may this be our best year in His service.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

Letter from Ashland City, Tennessee

My dear Sir, and Brother in Christ accept our apology for not having sent our remittance for the paper earlier, Why? Unadulterated carelessness. I think it shall not occur again.

I appreciate the paper and note with pleasure the improvement both in it and in the Senior Quarterlies.

I wish to endorse the same earnest and sensible pleas for our school program, made in the communication of Rev. J. R. Davidson and Sister J. E. Frazier and if I knew how to hasten the bringing of our program to a speedy and successful termination, I should be glad to make such contribution.

In every church program with which I have been associated, a few pioneering liberal persons have been required to do more than their share, no doubt it will be so in our present undertaking, therefore I suggest that as we have within our membership persons who can without financial hurt to themselves or those dependent upon them, make gifts to the amount of \$1000, or perhaps a thousand who could give \$100.00 each, many more who could make contributions of \$10.00 or \$5.00 each. Now if we, every one, will do our best, without reservation, and without criticism we can pool our resources, and build and equip our proposed institution without delay both to our credit and to God's glory.

Fraternally,

J. E. Hudgens

The Leaguer's Corner

CLARENCE BOWEN, *Editor*,
2513 CLUB BOULEVARD,
Durham, North Carolina

Here's just what you've been waiting for, Camp Leachers: The 1940 Camp will meet, not in June as heretofore, but in August; the 4-10; Now we have something, don't we? Never before in all of our five years as campers have we met in any other month but June, but this year it is August—good old sunny August.

The entire fee will be the usual six dollars including registration fee of one dollar. And if you will watch the paper in the next few weeks you will see further notices about the Camp. At present the date and fee will suffice.

Now listen: some have written to me asking for the information. If you want to register now and can't wait until registration blanks are prepared, just let me know and I will send any amount of blanks you need. When you have received them, fill them out and send them to me with one dollar. That assures you of entrance into Camp without fail. Remember the date: August 4-10, and also remember the age limit: 9-30 unless especially permitted to enter by the director, Rev. Henry Melvin.

Why not register now?

Some Relay Games for Socials

Now let us take our regular discussion about socials. This week we are offering some suggested relays you may find enjoyable in your socials. The first one is:

1. *Paper Sack Relay*—Divide your group into two lines. Each line is given as many paper sacks as there are members in the line. At the proper time the first one picks up a sack, blows it up, bursts it, and then passes the sacks on down the line. The next one always must wait until the preceding one bursts his sack. The side which gets through first, wins.

2. *Peanut Relay*—Have dishes full of peanuts at the head of each line. The last one runs up, eats three peanuts (must shell them) and then runs back and touches off the next one.

3. *The Sweet and Sour of It*—Have plates with stick candy and pieces of lemons at head of lines. The last one runs up, eats a bite of lemon and a bite of candy until both have disappeared, and then runs back and touches off last one.

4. *Pillow Relay*—Give a pillow and a pillow slip to each captain. At the signal, make, each put the pillowslip on the pillow, pass it on to the next who pulls it off, and so until the whole line has done it. Very laughable.

5. *Button Relay*—Give each side a box of buttons and a needle and strong thread. At the signal each person in each line must thread five buttons on the thread. See which line wins.

6. *Hoop Relay*—Have a large hoop or auto tire and make everybody in the line put the hoop over his head and on over the entire body and step out of it and hand it to the next one who follows the same procedure.

Goodbye.

Brief History of Rev. Z. P. Ferrell's Ministry

(Continued from page three)

Oak Grove Church, Durham County

For years this church bore the name Mineral Springs; and this is the oldest Free Will Baptist Church in Durham County. The church was founded by a minister named Holder. Here Mr. Ferrell was the successful pastor for several years; his predecessors had been fine preachers; namely, Rev. W. E. Anderson, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. John Thompson, and others.

The body of Mr. Ferrell grew old, but not his mind; alert and keenly alive, interested in every good work, enthusiastic for the program and success of his denomination in all its departments, and apparently,

such feelings as jealousy and envy never entered his spiritual mind. And like his Master, he went about doing good. A boy's tribute paid him high compliment, said this small boy: "I rather hear Mr. Ferrell preach than any other man I ever listened to." Of him it can be truly said: He fought a good fight and kept the faith.

My visits to him in his old age have proven a blessing and inspiration to me as a young minister, for his faith has shown so radiantly and he has always mentioned his brethren with the kindest consideration; his love for, and loyalty to God, have grown with advancing age, and he richly deserves that Crown of Righteousness laid up for the people of God. My final word is to say that we who are younger will do well to incarnate the spirit and emulate the example set by Z. P. Ferrell. He would appreciate a card or a letter from his fellow ministers. He stays home most of the time. Mr. Ferrell is 86 years of age. He is a lover of God's Word, and God has greatly blessed this wonderful preacher of righteousness.

Pittman Memorial Pastors' Institute Program for August 11-16, 1940

Davis, North Carolina

Sunday, August 11; 7:00-7:30 p. m.

Devotions by R. P. Harris.

Sermon, 7:30 by Rev. M. E. Tyson.

Devotions, 8:30-8:45 a. m.

Monday, Rev. R. H. Jackson.

Tuesday, Rev. S. A. Smith.

Wednesday, John Linton.

Thursday, Rev. W. L. Hart.

Friday, Rev. Rommie Mitchell.

Doctrine, 8:45-9:25 a. m.

Monday through Friday by Rev. J. P. Barrow.

Missions, 9:25-10:05 a. m.

1. Home Mission by Rev. M. E. Tyson Mon. through Wed.

2. Foreign Missions by Rev. W. L. Moretz, Thur. and Fri.

English, 10:05-10:45 a. m.

Monday through Friday, by Rev.
R. B. Spencer.

Recess, 10:45-11:00 a. m.

Monday through Friday.

Devotions, 11:00-11:15 a. m.

Monday, Rev. L. B. Manning,
Tuesday, Rev. Marshall Joyner.
Wednesday, Rev. R. E. Tripp.
Thursday, Rev. Walter Carter,
(Rockingham, N. C.).
Friday, Kenneth Gaskill.

Sermon each day, 11:15-12:00 a. m.

Monday, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.
Tuesday, Rev. M. L. Johnson.
Wednesday, Rev. L. B. Manning.
Thursday, Rev. D. W. Alexander.
Friday, Rev. R. E. Tripp.

Lunch, and Recreation, 12 to 1 p. m.
Monday through Friday.

Institute Theme: "Magnifying
Christ in Our Ministry."

Theme Song: "When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross."

Devotions, 1:00-1:15 p. m.

Monday, Charlie Hamilton.
Tuesday, Rev. T. E. Beam.
Wednesday, Rev. Walter Williams.
Thursday, Rev. W. A. Dail.

Homiletics, 1:15-1:55 p. m.

Monday through Thursday by
Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Church Administration, 1:55-2:35
p. m.

Monday through Thursday, Rev.
Henry Melvin.

Evangelism, 2:35-3:15 p. m.

Monday through Thursday by
Rev. Chester Pelt.

Evening Services,

Devotions, 7:00-7:30 p. m.
Monday, Rev. W. E. Anderson.
Tuesday, Rev. N. D. Beam.
Wednesday, Rev. E. C. Morris.
Thursday, Rev. J. C. Griffin.
Friday, Rev. G. C. Joyner.

Sermons, 7:30- (?).

Monday, Rev. Clifton Rice.
Tuesday, Rev. J. C. Moye.
Wednesday, Rev. John Alford.

Thursday, Rev. J. R. Bennett.

Friday, Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Business and Communion Service.

Friday 1:15- (?).

F. W. B. Orphanage Report For February, 1940

Receipts

Bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1940	\$1,600.04
Religious Organizations	221.09
Individuals	18.22
Adjustments	21.38
Total	\$1,860.73

Expenditures

Salaries	351.07
Office Supplies	5.74
Adjustments	15.22
Food	111.80
Clothing	26.18
Household	28.28
Travel relating to care of children	12.00
Health supplies (medicine)	29.20
Education supplies	12.27
Lights and fuel	36.05
Farm supplies	73.04
Total	\$ 700.85
Balance on hand	1,159.88
	\$1,860.73

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$1,600.04
Davis Sunday School	5.00
Rose Hill Church	3.70
Dawson's Grove Church	1.50
Lucama, by Superintendent	25.00
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00
L. A. S. of Shady Grove Church	5.00
Everett's Chapel Church	6.15
Johnson Union Church	6.65
Pleasant Grove Church	10.00
Alma Broughton, Teacher's Board	20.00
Warden's Grove Sunday School	2.00
Cedar Hill Sunday School	2.00
Barbara Willey Junior League of Soundside Church	.59
Rose Bowen Intermediate League of Soundside Church	.50
White Oak Church, Bladenboro.	8.63
Goldsboro Sunday School	14.17
Marsh Swamp Church	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00
Parker's Chapel Church	3.00
Winterville Sunday School	2.00
Lockhart Sunday School, Lock- hart, South Carolina	5.00
General Motors Acceptance Corp- oration, Rebate	1.38

Union Chapel Church	2.95
Union Chapel Sunday School	1.51
Winterville Sunday School	3.00
North Carolina State League Convention	12.00
Kinston Sunday School	7.42
Mrs. S. M. Waters	2.00
S. W. Woodard	15.22
Johnson Union Sunday School	5.00
Oak Grove, Craven County	2.50
Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention	20.00
Stacy Church	2.26
L. A. S. of Rains X Roads Church	.50
Davis Sunday School	5.00
Lucama Church, by Supt.	25.00
Friendship Church, by Supt.	25.00
Total	\$1,860.73

Donated Commodities

Mrs. J. W. Boyette, Clothing	3.00
Fremont L. A. S., quilt	3.00
Johnson Union Church, food and farm supplies	17.00
Free Union Church, Greene County, food East Circle	78.27
L. A. S. of Rock of Zion Church, quilt	25.00
Pleasant Plains League, books	3.50
By Mrs. S. M. Waters, clothing	133.07
L. A. S. of Rainst Cross Roads Church, food	21.75
Total	\$ 288.09

M. E. Tyson

LO, I GO BEFORE

By Mrs. J. W. Belflower,
Eustis, Florida

"Lo, I go before thee"—
How precious and how sweet!
A promise sure and steadfast
To guide our straying feet.

"I go before thee, Christian"—
He'll never fail to guide
His child of any nation
O'er all this world so wide.

"Lo, I go before thee"—
In any trial sore;
In sorrow, grief, or trouble,
He's made the pathway sure.

"Lo, I go before thee"—
No temptation hath o'er taken,
Nor your heart so sorely shaken
But that He has been before.

"Lo, I go before thee"—
Conquered are death and sin;
Not one step alone you take,
Not one trial enter in.

But lo, He goes before thee
To comfort, ease, and cheer,
To bring to full fruition
One committed to His care.

—In *Moody Monthly*

What Will You Do with Jesus?

(Radio message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Secretary-Treasurer, Foreign Mission Department of the Free Will Baptist State Association, Swannanoa, North Carolina over WRAL, March 11, 1940, on Your Gospel Trio Program.)

Good morning, everyone. I am happy for the privilege of bringing you a message this morning. I thank and praise God for the great work being done by Brother Steele, Bro. Luther and Sister Malpass. I know of no other trio who are doing such great things for the uplift of a sin-troubled and downcast humanity, and for the glory of God. I solicit your daily prayers for their work and every means of support you can give them. Surely there will be many stars added to your crown by helping them to help others. Don't forget to pray daily for them and for a revival, for a revival in your heart and in the hearts of us all. Oh, how we need a revival. How the world needs a revival. The only way we can have a revival is to bring the world to Christ and Christ to the world. When that is accomplished then, and then only, will we see another Pentecost.

As I was thinking and praying about the message for this morning I came, by chance, upon these words which I want to use for a text, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Matthew 27:22. Some one read these words and exclaimed, "The greatest question in nineteen hundred years." But I am thinking that in those words there is the greatest question of all time. It not only interested Pilate, but it is of interest to every person living in the world today. I hope the answer of the multitude will not be today as it was the day Pilate asked it. When we complete the verse we find, "They all say unto Him, Let Him be crucified." The

mob answered the question. Pilate answered the question by yielding to the demands of the people. You must answer it too. Upon your answer to this question, or upon what you think of Him, of His claims, of His teaching, of His work, depends to a great extent your action toward Christ. What, then, will you do with Jesus? When we accept the ways of the world, as Pilate did, we turn our back upon Christ. Washing our hands will not help the matter any.

Will you reject Christ as the Jews did? May heaven pity you if you are going to reject that "unspeakable Gift" which God has given to mankind.

Will you say "some other day" as so many have done? You may say some other time, man may say tomorrow, but God says today, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." God doesn't say some other time. God says *now*. "Behold now is the accepted time; behold, Now is the day of Salvation!" You have the opportunity to accept now, not some other day.

Will you accept Him half-heartedly as some have done? Some are willing to accept Christ in a half-hearted, luke-warm fashion in so far as it doesn't interfere with business, pleasure, and the worldly things that are in their lives. If a great many men and women who are in business, would accept Christ wholeheartedly, a great many businesses would be given up because they are not in accord with His will.

Will you accept Him gladly, like many have done? Just remember, there is no half-way ground, no neutral ground. If we don't accept Him gladly and wholeheartedly, then we automatically reject Him. I found this answer to the question the other day which I think is the greatest one I have ever heard, "I believe that Jesus Christ is Divine; that He is the Son of the living God; and I will accept Him, live for Him; serve Him, and if necessary, give my life

for Him." What a wonderful answer! It has been made by countless numbers of people through the ages. It was made by the apostles. They said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." The woman of Samaria gave this answer when she went back into the city saying, "Come, see a man that told me all the things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?" It was made by the three thousand on the day of Pentecost. The Ethiopian eunuch gave a similar answer when Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

As the Philippian jailor inquired of Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved, their instructions were, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Every one must answer that question for himself, and it requires an immediate answer. You are in grave danger until that important question is answered and answered rightly.

If we accept Him, He will accept us, but if we deny Him, He will deny us.

"Whosoever therefore will confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me, before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10: 32, 33.

What answer are you making? "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

"Jesus is standing in Pilate's hall, Friendless, forsaken, betrayed by all, Harken! what meaneth that clarion call,

What will you do with Jesus?

"What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be, Some day your heart will be asking, What will He do with me?"

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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Shady Grove Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society of Shady Grove Church held its monthly meetings on Thursday, January 31st and February 29th 1940. The first meeting was held in the house of Mrs. L. B. Warren, the second was held in Shady Grove Church.

The meetings were called to order by the President, Mrs. M. E. Godwin. The opening hymns were, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" and "Bringing in the Sheaves" sung by the members present. The Scripture readings were followed by prayer. The lesson topics for the afternoon were "Our Call to Service with Christ" and "Our Needy Neighbors." The parts were read and carefully discussed by the group. After the discussions the business was entered into. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. The collection for the two meetings was taken, amounting to \$8.22. For January meeting dues collected were \$1.35, collected on bed spreads \$1.20, paid in for Christmas cards sold \$3.95, making a total of \$6.50. At this meeting the society voted to pay to the F. W. B. Orphanage fund \$5.00 and 1.00 to missions.

The following report was given, milk given away, 100 quarts; trays to the sick, 15; sick visits, 82; chapters read, 590.

For February meeting dues collected were 52 cents, collected on bed spreads \$1.72. The following report was given: Milk, quarts, 100; trays to sick, 6; sick visits 64; Bible chapters, 38.

There being no other business to

come before the Aid, we adjourned to meet again Thursday following the 4th Sunday in March. The closing prayers were offered by Rev. M. E. Godwin.

Mrs. M. E. Godwin, *Pres.*,

Miss Grace Jackson,

Rec. Secy.

Mrs. Percy Dudley,

Cor. Secy.

Snead's Ferry Aid Report

Our Ladies Aid was organized on December 2, with 12 charter members. Our first meeting was held on January 7, with seven members present, our meeting was held at the Free Will Baptist Church. We decided to make a quilt for the purpose of raising money.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Edna Hill, on March 2 with 8 old members present and 2 new ones. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Dannie Jenkins with songs and prayer by Brother L. J. Potter. Dues collected \$1.30. Sunday egg money, .30, and money turned in on quilt, \$14.80. Money paid out to the sick and needy, \$3.00 leaving a balance of \$14.80 in Treasurer.

The following activities entered into since the last meeting are as follows: sick visits 125; garments for the needy, 42; 2 quilts, 1 quilt top, 6 plates, fourteen glasses, 1 pan were also given to the needy.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Susie Rhodes, on April 6.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, after the meeting was dismissed.

Rev. L. J. Potter,

Miss Susie Rhodes, *Secy.*

Aid Report of People's Chapel

The L. A. S. of People's Chapel Church held its regular meeting Saturday, March 9, in the church. The meeting opened with a song and prayer by Mrs. W. T. Stancil. Scripture reading by Myrtle Winstead. The society decided to send Mrs. W. J. Winstead, one of our members in the hospital, flowers, and Mr. R. C. Winstead fruit. Then came our business session.

There were 28 members present; 735 chapters were read; 32 trays given; 55 baskets; 7 bouquets of flowers; 44 quarts of milk; and 48 sick visits made. The amount in dues collected was \$2.70; birthday funds \$1.05; and flavoring sales .50. The meeting then adjourned with benediction by Myrtle Winstead.

Rachel Ferrell, *Secy.*

Mt. Zion Aid Report

The Aid society of Mt. Zion in Pamlico County wishes to submit the following report from March, 1939 to March, 1940.

No. members on roll	35
Active members	20
No. sick visits made	420
No. flowers taken to sick	75
Number trays	57
Milk given away (gallons)	50
Flower designs given	2
Cards sent	30
Number of chapters read in the Bible	1772
Money raised from dues	\$41.94
Money raised other ways	23.05
Amount sent to missions	4.00
Sent to Superannuation	5.00
Sent to the Orphanage	68.50
Given to benevolence	17.05
Amount used locally	35.07

The good Lord has seen fit to take, in His wisdom, one of our dear members during the past year, Sister Jennie Swan Ives. We miss her very much.

Our society observed the Week of Prayer, and we used the Program Book. We have a very good aid, but we all could do better work, but we

are trying to keep the good work going. We are asking the prayers of all the Christian people that we may do more for the Lord's cause in the future.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes, *Secy.*

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Program

Program of the Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of Central Texas Association, April 3, at North Zulch, Texas.

Wednesday Morning

THEME—"Prove Me"

- 9:45—Song, Trust, Try and Prove Me, by the Congregation
- 9:55—Devotional, Mrs. Manuel Taylor
- 10:00—Welcome Address, Mrs. Carrie Bell Casey
- 10:05—Response, Mrs. Arna Windsor
- 10:10—Roll called and Enrolling of Delegates and Ministers
- 10:20—Minutes of previous meeting
- 10:30—President's Message
- 10:40—Appointment of Committees
- 10:50—Special Music
- 11:00—"Prove Me," in comparing the Old with the New Testament on Tithing, Mrs. Ruby Maxwell

- 11:15—Missionary Songs by the Congregation
- 11:30—"Prove Me" Plan (Missionary Play) North Zulch, Society
- 12:00—Noon

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Song and Testimonial Service, led by Mrs. P. K. Trant
- 1:30—Declamation Contest
- 2:00—Reports: Various Committees, Field Workers, Educational Director, Stewardship Director, Superannuation or 5th Vice-President, and Publication and Literature Director
- 2:30—Business:
- 3:00—Election of officers
- 3:30—Benediction

Program

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Cape Fear Association will convene with Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, on April 10, 1940.

Wednesday Morning

- 10:00—Devotional: Mrs. Willie Jackson
- Welcome Address: Miss Eloise Dudley
- Response: Mrs. Ralph Parker
- 10:30—Remarks by the president
- Enrollment
- Reading of minutes of last convention
- Appointment of Committees
- Report of Ladies Aid Societies
- Report of visiting delegates, and presidents from other conventions
- 11:15—Song Service conducted by Rev. G. C. Joyner
- 11:30—Sermon: Rev. J. A. Evans
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotional: Mrs. Theodore Langdon

- 1:15—Report of Vice-Presidents
- 1:30—Special Music: Tee's Chapel Trio
- 1:45—Stewardship Contest conducted by Mrs. Ralph Parker
- 2:30—Report of finance and apportionment Committee—Business Session
- 3:00—Closing Remarks: Rev. M. E. Godwin
- Mrs. M. L. Johnson, *Pres.*
- Mrs. Herman Johnson, *Secy.*

Kings Cross Roads Ladies Aid Quarterly Report

We started the new year by meeting twice a month. We meet at the church for our business meeting each third Sunday before services. Wednesday after the fourth Sunday we meet in the homes of different members. A very interesting program is given in connection with the lesson that we all enjoy very much.

The following is our report for the past three months.

Balance brought forward	
from December	\$20.00
Amount dues paid	6.25
Amount for brooms	6.00
Amount for pencils	8.70
Sale of premium	4.00
Total	\$44.95

Disbursements

To Orphanage	\$12.50
For brooms	8.00
Sent to Convention	1.00
For pencils	7.19
Sent to Convention	1.00
Total	\$28.69
Balance in Treasury	\$16.26
Sick visits made	72
Number chapters read	500
Trays	1
Mrs. Blanche Tugwell, <i>Pres.</i>	
Mrs. W. M. Corbett, <i>Secy.</i>	

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Amos Pleads for Justice

(Lesson for April 7)

Lesson: Amos 5:1, 10-15, 21-24.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate*" (Amos 5:15).

The Wages of Sin

The incident is told how in one of our large factory towns a plant was erected for the manufacture of artificial flowers. The work was pleasant, and the wages paid the girls were far better than they had been able to earn elsewhere. The establishment was looked upon as a God-send, and the proprietor as a benefactor to the neighborhood.

Very soon, however, the health of one of the brightest and most capable girls began to fail. She went listless and weary to her work, and when it was done, was barely able to drag herself home. One day she was not able to leave her bed, and a week later the hearse stood at the door and she was taken to the cemetery and buried.

This fine young girl had been the support of a feeble mother and several small children. After a bit and another of the girls went home from the factory white and fainting, to go to work no more. One after another they came to their end. Finally, an investigation was made, and it was found that the girls had been all the while inhaling the most deadly poisons, which were used in the coloring of the flowers. While they had been liberally paid in money, a part of the real wages was death.

This is a forceful illustration of the words of Scriptures, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

This sentence includes both individuals and nations. —Sel.

I. PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. The Moral Condition of Israel as Amos Saw and Describes It.

Amos saw Israel incurably depraved and proclaimed the downfall of the throne, the exile of the people, and the dissolution of the state (Amos 3-9).

He prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II when the kingdom of Israel had reached its zenith of prosperity (Amos 1:1; II Kings 14:23-29).

The prosperity of his reign brought great and grave evils in its train. The rich lived in great luxury: their houses were built of hewn stone and paneled with ivory (Amos 3:15; 5:11).

They feasted and drank to excess amid delicate perfumes and soft strains of beautiful music (Amos 6:4-6).

Their wealth was obtained through violence and robbery (Amos 3:10).

The poor and needy were sold as slaves, and false weights and measures were used (Am. 2:6-8; 8:4-6).

The Judges were notoriously wicked and corrupt (Am. 5:11, 12).

To be honest and upright was to be unpopular and hated (Am. 5:10). —W. S. H.

2. The Dangers of Worship without Righteousness

At the heart of this lesson we see the worthlessness of worship without righteousness. The people of Israel against whom the prophecy of Amos was especially delivered, were very careful in their religious observances. They attended the centers of worship which they had set up and brought their sacrifices and their tithes (Amos 4:4). It gave them feelings of security and self-complacency when they offered their "sacrifice of thanksgiving," "this liketh you, O ye children of Israel,

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saith the Lord God" (4:5). But God found no pleasure in their religious devotion, all was hateful and repulsive to Him. He despised their feast days (5:21); their offerings were unacceptable (5:22); their music discordant to His ears (vs. 23). Why was their worship so worthless in God's sight? Because the people in their prosperity had become *corrupt in practice*.

When life and conduct is wrong, worship is unacceptable to God. The whole land had become debased and corrupt. Those in high places sinned without any sense of shame. They were insensible to the fact that God requires *obedience before sacrifice and worship* (1 Samuel 15:22). No amount of worship, religious devotion, can atone for our disobedience, our selfishness and sin. Worship without sincerity, obedience, is hypocrisy. Unless there is a true life behind our worship, all is vain. This is the truth which our Saviour taught in Matthew 23, see especially vs. 23, 27-29. When our first concern is justice, mercy and truth, when to know and to do the will of God is the ruling passion of our lives, then worship offered through the merits of Christ will be acceptable to God (Romans 12:1, 2; 1 Peter 5:4). —A. H.

3. Please read the Book of Amos this week. Then consult our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies for more valuable information.

Correcting a Correction

Two weeks ago I called attention to an error made in announcing the radio addresses of Rev. W. L. Moretz over the two Radio Stations in Raleigh, and in making this correction I made an error! This note will correct the error made in the former correction by giving below Brother Moretz's schedule correctly:

Bro. Moretz speaks over radio station WPTF, Raleigh, at 7:15 on Monday morning after each Second Sunday on the "Your Daily Devotional"

Program. From WPTF Bro. Moretz goes to Station WRAL where he speaks on the same morning at 7:45 on the program "Your Gospel Trio."

L. E. Ballard

Learn to live, and live to learn,
Ignorance like a fire doth burn,
Little tasks make large return.

—Bayard Taylor

Note the Change

The readers of the Baptist will notice that my street address is changed from 1115 E. Douglas Avenue to 937 Seymoure Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Yours in Him,

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"I don't believe I ever will be at that kind of party," thought Perry, "and if I am I will make the rest of them all feel ashamed."

The very next week Perry's father went away on a business trip and took Perry with him. The little boy had never before been in a large city, and it was very wonderful and delightful to him. Most of all he enjoyed the hotel, which seemed quite like a palace to him. Some friends of Perry's father were very kind to Perry.

The second day was rainy and cold, so Perry stayed in his room and father went out alone to be gone until bedtime, but his new friends soon came for him, and they spent the afternoon playing games and having a delightful time. When dinner time came he went down to the dining-room with them. They helped him to order things that he would like, and by and by when it came time for dessert he decided that he would take ice cream.

"Try the kind we are going to have," said Mrs. Beech. "It's better than plain ice cream."

Perry ordered it.

"What is it?" he asked as he dipped in his spoon.

"Oh just cream with a little wine and some nuts in it," said Mrs. Beech.

"I mustn't eat it," was Perry's first thought, and his next was, "I'll have to or they will think I am dreadfully rude and silly. Nobody ever will know it and I never will do it again." He was just ready to take the first taste when he suddenly happened to think of his teacher and her glass of wine and how easy he had thought it would be for him to say "No," if any one ever asked him to take any.

"Aren't you going to eat your ice cream?" asked Mrs. Beech, a few minutes later.

Perry shook his head and his face grew red, then he said, "I mustn't eat it because it has wine in it, and I've signed the pledge. Nothing before in all his life had been so hard for Perry to say, and he had to wink fast to keep back the tears. Everybody was nice about it, and he felt he did right.

At bedtime he told his father about it, and his father said gently, "Son, you did a braver thing than many a man would have done, but the Bible is right when it tells us to watch and pray, for we never know when temptation is coming.

When the tired little boy knelt down to say his prayers that night he added, "I thank Thee, Lord, for helping me to keep my pledge."—*The Sunbeam*.

Matt. 26:41: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, the Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy saw fit to call our sister, Mrs. L. A. Britt, to her heavenly reward: We, the members of St. Pauls Missionary society, submit the following resolutions:

First, that though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission, and due recognition to His holy will in calling the spirit of our co-worker to be forever with Him.

Second, that we mourn the loss of one so true and faithful, and we will ever cherish her precious memory. We extend to her family our deepest sympathy and love over their great loss. May faith that sustained her, comfort and sustain them throughout their lives.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy be sent to the family, and to the county and Free Will Baptist papers.

Mrs. W. E. Thornton, Committee

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY WILLIAMS

It is with a sad heart that I write the death of my dear mother who passed away November 16, 1939. She would have been 86 years old in March. She died at the home of her son, C. B. Williams on the Morehead Road, where she was making her home. Papa died 8 years ago. She had been in bad health for sometime, but was cheerful and did not dread the end.

She was a subscriber to the Baptist paper and loved to see it come. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church since a girl, and lived a faithful life. She had many friends. Oh, it is so hard to part with her. We miss her so much. It is so lonely without her, but we know she is at rest, and we trust that we may all live so we can meet her in heaven.

Her life was good and beautiful. She went to her church as long as she was able. She leaves 5 sons: H. D., C. B., D. E., L. F., E. L. Williams; four daughters, Mrs. Bessie Dixon, Mrs. E. T. Edson, Mrs. Lennie Banks, Mrs. W. H. Smith; 25 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was preached by Rev. N. D. Wiggs, and assisted by Rev. W. B. Everett; both of New Bern.

She was laid to rest beside papa in the family cemetery at her old home beneath a beautiful mound of flowers. She is sleeping, sweetly sleeping in a new made grave. Today we are weeping, sadly weeping for dear mother who has gone away.

Written by her heart broken daughter,
Mrs. W. H. Smith,
New Bern, N. C.

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WILLIS—On the night of August 5, 1939, Mrs. Annie Barrington Willis passed from this life of sadness, and disappointment to her eternal reward. Her life had manifested great faith and love for the Master that we must say we believe she is resting in Jesus with Him on high. She was a devoted member of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. She was converted in her early childhood and earnestly contended for the Faith as it is in Christ Jesus.

In the passing of such a life, our church and community have lost a valuable member, but we know that our loss is His eternal gain. Therefore we bow in humble submission to the will of God who does all things well. It can be truthfully said that the family lost a devoted wife and mother, the church a faithful member, the community a loved one, and the world a friend.

The funeral was conducted by our pastor, Rev. N. B. Barrow after which her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sarah Dail,
Estelle Godley,
Alice Toler,

Committee

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WILLIS—Our community was deeply saddened on September 13, 1939, when the death Angel visited the home of Mr. Le-drew Willis and took away his wife Mrs. Emma Gaskins Willis.

In her going over to be with Jesus, our church and community have lost a member and friend, therefore be it resolved:

First, That we the committee of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church extend to the family our deepest sympathy, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

Second—That in the passing of such a life our church and community have lost a valuable member, but we know that our

loss is His eternal gain. Therefore we bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Family, one to the Free Will Baptist Press, and one to the Clerk to be recorded in the church minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sarah Dail,
Estelle Godley
Alice Toler,

Committee

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TRANT—The Lord took away from us Brother E. F. Trant on February 17, 1940. He was deacon for over thirty years in the Ever Green Church. While raising his family he had family prayer every night. He was a good husband, father and a loyal Christian.

He had six boys and five of them grew up to manhood, one died while young. All five of these living sons are serving the Lord. He has two sisters and five grandchildren, and three nephews to meet him in heaven.

We want the prayers of all the Christian people to send us another pillar of the church, as we miss Brother Trant so much.

Mrs. Vernell Gafford

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PHILLIPS—We lost our brother, Ben-nie F. Phillips, a few weeks ago. He was a devoted husband, father and brother. He was a splendid church worker, and well liked in his community. He was a man whom the people loved, and we all regret to lose him, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Rev. C. M. Gurrkins,
Hattisippi, Mississippi

Counting Past Blessings

(Continued from page nine)

and continues to strengthen us. Since then, we have been healed of several kinds of ailments.

Sometimes we have to send for the saints to come and pray for us several times, and then at other times we are healed in answer to our own prayer but there is one thing which it always takes and that is obedience and faith. Let not him that

doubteth think he will receive anything of the Lord. We must obey His voice. If He says pray, we must pray. If He says send for the saints to pray for you, do that too; or if He says do this that you may be healed, then do that.

My good friends, is it not wonderful to have a Saviour who never fails us? Many times I read in the Baptist paper where folks are suffering and ask for prayer. I cannot but help to shed tears for them, knowing that there is only one Almighty God who can heal and never fails us. But we often fail to apply the remedy to our hearts and lives. Let us stop fearing, and do more believing. God knows that "all things are possible to those that believe." We know that He hears us and will give us the desires of our hearts if we will believe on Him.

I want to thank the Lord for a good testimony that appeared in the Baptist a few weeks ago. A sister who had been healed in the hospital by obeying the Lord. As I read the paper that morning and had been down with the asthma for sometime. I was so weak that the Lord touched my body in such a way that I immediately arose and went about my work, preparing dinner for my family. That night the saints came over and had prayer with me. It pays to obey the Lord's voice, for by so doing it helps others to obey.

We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people everywhere. "Confess your sins one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed." I truly hope that someone will be encouraged to call on the Lord in faith, believing, for there is so much suffering and sorrow in the world today. I have a sister who suffers much and is alone in the world. Please pray that she will get willing to do God's will, and accept healing from above.

Written by one who loves the Lord,

Mrs. A. B. Powell,
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Ss-lan.
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PSALMS 88:13

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And the eyes are dim and dying
Which once watched us night and day.

EVERYTHING we love and cherish
Hastens onward to the grave;
Earthly joys and pleasures perish.
And whate'er the world e'er gave:
All is fading, all is fleeing,
Earthly flames must cease to glow.
Earthly beings cease from being,
Earthly blossoms cease to blow.

YET UNCHANGED, while all decayeth,
Jesus stands upon the dust;
"Lean on Me alone," He sayeth,
"Hope and love and firmly trust!"
Oh, abide, abide with Jesus,
Who Himself forever lives,
Who from death eternal frees us,
Yea, Who life eternal gives!

—Spitta

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J. H. Allen, *Clerk*

I say, through the grace given
unto me, to every man that is among
you, not to think of himself more
highly than he ought to think; but
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hath dealt to every man the measure
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To What Extent Are We Missionary-Minded?

By Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Tex.

Whether we, as a church, are viewing our missionary obligation from the home mission or the foreign mission angle, or whether we are taking the collective view, the above question, "To What Extent Are We Missionary-Minded?" is a pertinent one. We find groups of our people here and there who are on fire in home mission zeal, and others who are bubbling over with zeal for foreign missions. The condition in both cases is desirable, yet we can not consistently believe in one to the point of exclusion of the other. "The world is the field," said Jesus. The challenge is coming to us from city and hamlet, country-side and sea-side, mountain and valley, rural and urban, foreign and home lands, but should we not stop and ask the question again? "To What Extent Are We Missionary-Minded?"

The thing which I am anxious that we may see is the fact that we can measure our degree of interest in this great cause by what we are allowing it to cost us. I have just reviewed the records of investments made in missions by such men as: Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, George Whitefield, Martin Luther, Charles G. Phinney, D. L. Moody, Ira D. Sankey, and I should add, Benj. Randall. If we, as a church, would only allow ourselves to be drawn into the experience of such sacrificial service as these did we would begin to move as a mighty force in this needy, modern world.

Without reluctance I mention achievements of the Assembly of God in Houston, Texas, during the past thirty-five years. Though their work was opened there about 1905, today they have twenty-seven such organizations in this city alone. The question comes as to the why of such rapid growth? Surely there was prevailing a really enthusiastic, and persistent, missionary-mindedness, but I learned of another fac-

tor which has been yoked with this enthusiasm; and that factor is wisdom. Along with their vision of lost souls they saw the necessity of efficiency, hence they set up educational standards, and provided facilities for workers that they might reach their standards. The pastor who gave us something of the history of this work was once an active Free Will Baptist Minister, but now pastors a church of another faith which has a membership of six hundred. This might have been a Free Will Baptist Church, only for the lack of vision and wisdom. The pastor did not leave our church on doctrinal grounds, but with a burning zeal to reach out he yoked with opportunity. I would that all of our people could have heard his statements, for I am sure that we would begin to provide what we have lacked so long.

The thing which I am now ready to say is: we can talk home, and foreign missions, and do a limited amount of good in these directions, but the first requisite to our effectively evangelizing as a church is a medium of training. Yes, I mean to say we must have that school about which we have talked so long, and about which I have been writing for the past two years. The degree of our missionary zeal is correctly measured by what we put into training facilities for workers, as well as what we expend in the support of those workers. The challenge is, Provide the Medium of Training, and God will give the talent.

Many of our brethren are saying, "I will do thus and so while I wait for the educational board to get on foot a definite program." Brother, we have been endeavoring to get this definite program in motion all the while, but such withholding of financial support has made it impossible. Again, let me say that it

will take cash to buy property, construct buildings, employ instructors etc. If you are living in the realm of expecting the board to perform a miracle of about twenty-five or fifty thousand dollars you had just as well start another aircastle. The program we are now endeavoring to get you active in is one of giving for this cause as a good steward of Jesus Christ. But some will say, "much cash has been sent already." That is true, if you consider between two thousand and five hundred and three thousand dollars for such an enormous task.

May I give you an example of what is needed all over this nation among our people. Sometime ago in checking my records I found a pledge for \$50.00, which was made last July by W. G. Kilgore of Coeburn, Virginia. I dropped a card calling his attention to the pledge, and within a few days he wrote saying, "I am glad to learn the name of the party to whom I was supposed to send my pledge"; and along with this letter he sent a check for \$100.00; just double the amount of his pledge. Brother Kilgore could have done as many of you have done; pass the matter up with indifference, or render a full catalogue of excuses, but I say again, the need is more folk like Brother Kilgore. Now, you fellows who have been longing for the one hundred dollar challenger instead of the one dollar challenger get your check books and accept Kilgore's challenge—write your check for the \$100.00, and for \$1000.00 if possible.

For the benefit of our ministers I wish to quote from a letter which came from Hugo church Kinston, North Carolina. "Dear Sir:—Am sending you a P. O. money order for the amount of \$2.00 to be added to the educational fund. This comes from the L. A. S. of the Hugo

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EDITORIAL

Rev. James A. Evans of Kenly, North Carolina, has been recently elected to succeed Rev. M. E. Tyson as superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex. Brother Evans is an excellent Christian gentleman with fine capabilities to do a good work at the Orphanage. He will assume official duties sometime in May. As a pastor for the past several years in Eastern North Carolina, Brother Evans has become well known and greatly appreciated, especially, by those whom he has been pleased to serve as a gospel minister in some of the leading churches in this part of the State. We are hoping for him the best of success in his new work. We have no fear but that the entire church will prove its loyalty to him and its continued interest in the Home for the great welfare of the children. Further announcements will be made in the Baptist regarding his work in the future.

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Rev. R. E. Tripp has begun a good work at Kannapolis in the Free Will Baptist church there. Brother Tripp is a consecrated servant of God, and is capable of doing an excellent piece of work with the people of his church and community. We are wishing for him the greatest of success during the coming years, not only there but wherever he shall be pleased to serve in the kingdom work. His church people should greatly appreciate having such a man as Brother Tripp to lead them in the great work of the Master. We have been intimately acquainted with him for years, and have the highest regard for him as a clean Christian gentleman with the highest of religious ideals. We are expecting to receive, from time to time, fine reports of his church at Kannapolis.

In this issue of the Baptist is a short article which was published recently in "Tune Time" by Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago. Dr. Harris is a member of the faculty of the Chicago Conservatory of Music, and is doing a fine work in that institution. He is a North Carolinian, and a member of the Free Baptist church at Dawson's Grove in Halifax County.

It is gratifying to note the special interest which he is taking in his students from the South. Also it is praiseworthy to note that, from his article, the Institution, although not a religious school, has a class now in religion for those students desiring religious instruction, and especially for those in attendance from the South. Dr. Harris has had the happy privilege of teaching several of the young men and young women from the Southern States since completing his studies for his doctor's degree at the above named Institution.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Central Auxiliary—We had the happy privilege of attending the Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina last week, and found there, as with other auxiliaries, that those women have been very busy in the Ladies Aids and Missionary societies for the past few months. One of the noticeable things among all the activities of the auxiliary is the outstanding work of Christian Stewardship. This subject is being presented more, perhaps, than any other work. And the results are being seen. Put the Free Will Baptist church on the altar with a consecrated membership of faithful stewards—stewards who use property

both small and large possessions for the glory of God, and we will take the world for Jesus.

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Stewardship and the Redeemed Soul—"Stewardship cannot be vitalized until it has been realized in the experience of the redeemed soul. Stewardship is in both the atonement and Christian education. It will, therefore, be realized in two steps: in a revival, and in schools. Stewardships must come into Christian experience before it can be wrought into Christian culture." —Walter N. Johnson. To really get what Mr. Johnson is saying, and to get it into a living, actuating power, one must become a child of God through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Redemption must be realized. The New Birth with all of its meaning must be a living experience. Then when we become God's in reality we can be taught to be good stewards. May we as the redeemed of God preach and teach Stewardship to all of those who have become children of God.

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The Evangelist — The apostle Paul assures us that evangelists are "called" or, made evangelists by the power of God. God "sets" the evangelists in "the body" of Christ as it pleases Him. No person can preach except he be called of God, let him be Pastor or evangelist. People can learn to make orations. They can become experts at speech making. But an evangelist is one who has a deep passion for the salvation of the lost. One who will make a real sacrifice to God in order that the lost may have the chance to accept eternal life through Jesus Christ. If you want the best evangelist that can be secured get the one who loves lost humanity most. Christ the head of the church loved to the last drop of His blood. He made the supreme sacrifice. He did His best. If we follow Him, we must put our all on the altar. God will bless the one who is called to any service, if that one will "do the work of an evangelist."

"Behold, He Cometh"

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him."—Rev. 1:7.

Dear reader, do you believe these words? If you answer "Yes," is it with a faltering voice, or with a bright hope? Is it with a tone of indifference, or with joy? To many, the past Coming of Christ means no more than any other fact in history, and His future Coming is a vague uncertainty. But He is coming, and coming soon! God has graciously given the Scriptures, and they set forth and exalt the finished work of His beloved Son. The last Book of Scripture is full of teaching as to His Coming again. It is called the "revelation," i. e., the revelation not only of things, but of Jesus Christ. Verse 1 makes this clear. He is living in glory now, seated on the right hand of God the Father, but the words of Psalm 110:1 will be fulfilled.

"Ah," you say, "I am not an enemy." Then, when were you reconciled, and how? It may be you reply, "I did not need reconciling, I never was an enemy." But such an answer shows you do not realize God's standpoint, and have not seen what sin is. Every true believer must own that he was an enemy, and that he was reconciled to God by the death of His Son. Nothing short of this could meet the sinner's need. Romans 5: 10 is clear upon this point. Enemies reconciled—a complete change. Scripture does not support the opinion of some, "I was always a Christian," "I always loved good things." The Lord Jesus definitely spoke about two ways, quite contrasted the one with the other, and made clear to the religious Pharisee, how needful it is for a sinner, however "good" he seems to be, to be born from above. (John 3: 3, 7.) Unless you have been born again, you are not ready for the Coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him." There is no doubt as to this. The old-time prophets always spoke of the Coming of Christ. John the Baptist had this wondrous message as he cried, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40: 3; Matthew 3: 3), and we find the testimony of Christ's Coming again is kept to the front in the Book of Acts. The *Scriptural* testimony of the Gospel cannot leave this out. The theory that the world is getting better is a lie. The hope that men will improve it by their leagues of nations or of individuals is a delusion. Of old the Lord said to Israel, "Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy," and added, "Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid." (Isaiah 8:12) But there is a reason to be afraid unless our sins are blotted out and we are accepted in the Son of God, for He "shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thessalonians 1: 7, 8).

Possibly you say, "Tell us something more attractive, speak to us of love." Yes, we can tell of the love of the Lord Jesus, and it passes understanding (Ephesians 3:19). He, though He was over all, God blessed forever, took upon Himself the form of a servant, and bare the sins of many (Hebrew 9:28). Was there ever love like this? But, dear reader, have you not heard such a Gospel, again and again, unmoved? You do not realize your danger. It would be far safer to stand on the edge of a precipice, and to dance blindfold, than to do what most are doing today. Earthly life is so brief, and eternity is so real. Many years ago the people said to the prophet, "Speak unto us smooth things," and Isaiah answered, "Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon; therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall"

(Isaiah 30: 10-13). There has been a word of mercy, and is. The very same passage says, "Thus saith the Lord God. . . *In returning and rest shall ye be saved*; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength; and ye would not, but ye said, 'No' (15, 16). Ah, dear reader, if you have come to the Lord Jesus Christ, His coming is a bright hope; but how can it be so otherwise? We rejoice that the very last chapter of Scripture says, "Let him that is athirst come." There is an earnest welcome to Christ while we look for His return. And the already quoted chapter in Isaiah contains these precious and comforting words, "And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy on you." Yes, not only does the longsuffering of God lead to repentance (Romans 2:4), but the Gospel of His grace sounds out, with news of full salvation by the precious blood of Christ; but when He cometh with clouds, there will be a dividing between those who are righteous and those who are not (Malachi 3:18), and we should be cruel of we did not fervently cry, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6), for "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5: 8), and "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).—*Selected by Minnie D. Mason.*

Home Coming Celebration

Our home-coming day at Bethel Church in Pamlico County will be observed on April 21. All former pastors and members who have moved away are requested to be present on this occasion.

Srvices will begin at eleven o'clock, and continue in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the church lawn in picnic style. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

By a church member

New Sunday School Convention Organized

Quite a number of delegates and representatives from the several Sunday Schools of the Second Union district of the Central North Carolina Conference met, together with a large body of people, at Cedar Grove Church in Martin County to organize a Sunday School Convention in connection with the union meeting.

The throng of people assembled in the church at ten o'clock, and, after a short period of congregational singing, the chairman of the Organization Committee, Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel called the meeting to order and proceeded with the organization. Mr. T. E. Skinner of Saint's Delight Church in Greene County was elected as president of the convention. Mr. J. A. Campbell of Parker's Chapel Church in Pitt County was made vice-president. Miss Elizabeth Warren of Greenville was elected secretary-treasurer. The program committee consists of J. E. Wooten of Ayden, R. P. Harris of Kinston, and Miss Dixon of Gum Swamp Church in Pitt County.

After all officers were duly elected, there was some lively discussions and comments on the possibilities of a great work being done in the future by the Sunday Schools thru the convention. Then, at the eleven o'clock hour the regular church services were entered into, and Rev. D. W. Alexander brought an excellent spiritual message on the great neglect of salvation. The crowded congregation enjoyed the wonderful message in a splendid way.

The lunch hour was a feast to everyone. The long table on the church lawn was loaded down with an abundance of good things to eat, and appealing to the appetites of all. And it is understood that everyone entered into this feast with much delight. The people of Cedar Grove Church and community showed their fine spirit of hospitality to all present. Their pastor, Rev. Marshal Joyner, made it known in his

usually fine way that all were heartily welcome to enjoy the day together at Cedar Grove.

The dinner over and some time granted for social conversations on the grounds with friends and newly-made acquaintances, the people were called back into the church for the completion of the convention organization. After some special numbers were rendered by several of appropriate music, and some congregational singing by all present, the moderator called the convention to order and proceeded to finish the business. Eight Sunday Schools, about fifty per cent of all in the union meeting district, represented with delegates and contributions. The new president was then installed in office, and he made an enthusiastic speech, pledging his hearty cooperation in the work and urged that the Sunday Schools enter into this work with zeal to do wonderful things for the Master's cause. The program committee is to arrange for a splendid program for the next convention which will meet on the Fifth Sunday in June at Hickory Grove in Pitt County.

R. B. Spencer, *Member of the Organization Committee*

Dickinson Favors Temperance

The seventy-nine-year-old governor of Michigan has signed a bill which makes the teaching of temperance in the public schools mandatory. Children must be taught the evil effects of alcohol, especially in the form of highly intoxicating spirits. Governor Dickinson is president of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League and one of the outstanding men in the temperance cause in this country.

Upon taking office, after the sudden death of Governor Fitzgerald, Governor Dickinson indicated that he desired to be undisturbed on the Sabbath. He intends to go to church and teach his Sunday School class in the manner he has been doing this for many years. Speaking of Sunday work, the governor said:

"I've been in business of various kinds for sixty years and I have never seen a time when it had to be done on Sunday. State business is the same way."

Here we have two fine points in the program of the new governor, temperance education and Sunday observance. When this nation gets sober again and goes to church it will have its face set toward national prosperity and security. A clear head and a pious heart will do more to solve our national problems than all the panaceas of the godless reformers. The best way to fight fascism and communism is with the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of all wisdom.—*The Banner*.

"God's Acres"

Establishment of "God's Acres" grew out of an informal conference between Rev. Karl Hiller, pastor of the Corwith Methodist Church, and John Mullins, hybrid-seed-corn dealer and member of the congregation.

Anxious to cancel the debt against the Corwith Methodist Church, Mr. Hiller had tried many forms of raising funds, but found that the debt was not reduced very rapidly. While attending open house at the Mullins seed-corn plant, he was presented with a sample of the corn. His statement at that time that he wished he had land on which to plant the corn for the church, was followed by Mr. Mullins' offer to give seed corn to any farmer in North Iowa who would plant an acre and give the entire proceeds from the acre to any church of his selection.

Members of the Corwith Methodist Church were quick to respond to the plan. They have produced 2,500 bushels, which will clear the debt against the church. Other churches throughout the area also share in the profits of the plan. Co-operating farmers place a sign on the acres they are donating, each sign reading "God's Acres." Mr. Mullins plans to repeat the offer again this spring. Here's a plan which seems to us quite sensible. In other country areas the "God's Acres"

plan has proved abundantly successful. Why should not all country parishes adopt the idea. There will be no government regulation of this kind of crop.—*The Watchman Examiner.*

A Few Words for My Savior

I desire to write a few words this morning to the dear Baptist paper. The Lord is blessing me each day, and I want to be a living testimony for Him. If people would only trust Jesus, how much better they would be. As I read my Bible this morning, thinking of Easter and just what it means to so many people, I thought how many there are that do not take it as a day that is holy. Think how cruel Jesus was treated, and how He died for our sins on the cruel cross.

As I sit and see the beautiful sun rising this morning, how my mind goes back to that Easter morning years ago. When I read the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel, I think how Jesus prayed for all of them that would believe on Him. Think how we should share in His glory, and it is so sad to think how so many do not think of sharing in his glory. He has gone to prepare a place for all who will believe and trust Him. I often think how I suffer in my fleshly body, but I feel good spiritually. Sometime I am asked how I can sing when I suffer so much, but thanks be unto God He gives me strength and grace to overcome my sufferings. When any of you get sad, just turn to Jesus, and read the seventeenth chapter of John. There you will find the words that Jesus said Himself just before He was offered up, and left this earth. Yes, He is pleading for us in heaven.

Sometimes when I feel like I cannot get up, I then kneel in prayer and ask God's blessings from heaven for me. You who do really trust in God can witness with me that it pays to trust in Him and pray. I do want to live such a life that each

one can see in me every day that true life, and that they can be assured of the fact that I am trying to live the true life as a child of God. When I pray I can feel that sweet experience and love of Jesus.

I long to see the paper each week to read the good messages from others. They are food for my soul. I look at life with a smile and trust in Jesus to guide me. I am going to cling to the old rugged cross and some day I am going to change this life for a crown. Please pray for me and my family.

Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.

Letter from the McAdamses

Dear Co-Workers:

We have just finished another fine meeting. It was a real revival meeting, from the very first sermon. We can say from the depths of our soul everything was ready for a fine meeting. A nice three room apartment had been arranged for us when we arrived.

The weather was bad, but the crowds came right on, and the power came down, and one started to the altar and fell before he reached to the mercy seat. We praised the Lord for the old-time power. Some were shouting. A fine young man who taught school not very far asked us to go to school for a service. It was a meeting indeed, and we had 13 fine boys and girls converted. It was an old-time revival indeed.

There were 48 conversions in all, and 16 united with the church when we left. Brother Reeves was still running the meeting when we left Friday morning. We went to visit Sister Franklin's church at Henderson, Texas, where we had such a wonderful revival last summer and built a new church. We are planning a two weeks' meeting with them after the first Sunday in April. The new church will be dedicated then. The Auxiliary convention meets with this church this week. The convention is a new district which

organized last fall. We are happy to find our dear women taking new courage in the work.

Please pray for us to have a safe trip back to Missouri. Our next meeting will be in St. Louis, Missouri, beginning on April the 21. Our address will be 2043 Sidney Street, St. Louis, Missouri while we are there.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

The Incomparable Christ

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. The man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did he cross the boundary of the country in which he lived; that was during his exile in childhood. He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, uninfluential, and had neither training or education.

In infancy he startled a king; in childhood he puzzled doctors; in manhood he ruled the course of Nature walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep. He never wrote a book or a song, never founded a college, never marshalled an army, drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers. He never practiced medicine, yet has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near. He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed by God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints and feared by devils, as the Living, Personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*The Roadside Beacon.*

Notice of Address

This is to state that our address for the time being is as follows:

Rev. Thomas H. Willey,
318 Maplewood,
Houston, Texas

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Announcement

Leonard Earl Harris

It seems pertinent that I make an announcement regarding the scholarships for the fall term of the Chicago Conservatory of Music. We have already been receiving applications rather fast; in fact, much faster than any previous year. I am naturally concerned about our own boys and girls in the South, and would like to have as many in my department next year as possible.

This year our boys and girls have learned to love the Lord, and have really come close to Him since being here with us. The Chicago Conservatory of Music is not a religious school, but it is the largest, oldest and finest school of music in this country. For the first time since it has been a school (insofar as we know) we have a religious class. It was planned for the benefit of those who come from the South—especially those who come from our Free Will Baptist Churches. I do so much hope that they will go back South and find a great work there to do, and that they will be capable of doing it.

There were twelve Southern students, altogether this year, in my classes; and, since I am from North Carolina, we are just like a big happy family. There are, I believe, about eight students from North Carolina.

Many of the students have to work in order to stay in the city. Most of the boys are self-supporting, and many of the girls work part time and still have time to go to school.

Should anyone be interested in securing a scholarship to begin with the fall term, it would be to his advantage to get his application in as soon as possible, as there are already quite a few applications from which we are to select. All applicants must be High School graduates at least by June of this year. They are required to send, along with recent photographs of themselves, the names and addresses of three references. Besides this, they

must, without fail, have their pastor send a personal letter of recommendation. Each one must state his major purpose for attending the Conservatory; must give a record of college credits (if any), give the name and address of the college where these credits were acquired.

If you care to keep up with the activities of the students from the South, you could subscribe to the *Tune Time Magazine* which is edited by those students. The magazine itself is part of their activity. "Tune Time" is published monthly at the fixed price of \$1.00 per year. In it you will get to know a great number of the students, since they will have their pictures printed from time to time. Then, too, they will frequently prepare articles of interest regarding their work in the school. Please write for your complimentary copy.

Don't forget to send in your application for a scholarship just as soon as possible. Be sure to get yours in early so you may have the advantage of an early consideration.

Should Christians Have Prejudice in Their Hearts?

We should do something to help our brethren that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Real Christians will not do anything, I believe, to offend anyone intentionally. I feel that there cannot be too much said concerning offending our brothers in the church. We all know that it is a dangerous thing to offend anyone.

The Bible tells that it would be better to have a millstone hung about our neck, and that we be cast into the sea than to offend any of His little ones. There are many ways in which we can offend a person. I have been offended and have had everything done to me that it looks like could have been done, but be killed. I have been threatened to be killed, but by the help of the Lord I am expecting to do my best to serve Him.

I am not surprised when someone tells the wrong thing on me, for I know that since Jesus was mocked, spat upon, and had a crown of thorns placed upon His head, I know that some people would seek to do me worse. But I am trusting that God will give me grace to overcome all trials and temptations that may confront me here in this life.

Sometimes it seems that I am almost ready to give up, but when I read God's holy word, I remember that He has said that He will not suffer us to be tempted beyond what we can bear (I Corinthians 10: 13). I believe God will care for us if we will trust Him more and more each day we live. Therefore, I am willing to suffer persecutions for Christ's sake. James tells us in chapter two and verse nine that we should not have respect of persons. One man is as good as another, so far as the flesh is concerned, and God made but one man in the beginning in His own image and after His own likeness.

There are but two classes of people in the world today, sinners and Christians. If the Master took up with the ungodly and the forgotten people of the world to change them, then it is the Christian's duty to try, by the help of the Lord, to lead them to Christ. I don't believe that the love of God makes one Christian feel any better than any other Christian. Neither do I believe that a Christian can live on Sunday for the Lord, and serve the Devil the rest of the week, and be justified before God. There is not but one way and that is God's way. I am glad that there is a standard set for us all. Read Isaiah 62: 10, which reads like this, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the people; cast up, cast up the highways; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." Will we remove the stones or shall we scatter them?

May God help us to do our best to live closer to Him every day we live and to help each other to become stronger men and women for the upbuilding of our Lord's kingdom. If I know anything about the conditions of the world, I am sure that

J. C. Buck, Sr.,
Colquitt, Georgia,
Route 5

"There shall be holiness" (Obad.)

There are some who want to do away with this word, and there are others who want to make more out of it than it means. Some mix it with the Holy Ghost. The Lord said that He would send the Holy Spirit, and when He came He would reprove the world of sin. Well, the Holy Spirit has already come. He will be here with us until the Lord comes back again. He is the one that we have to lead us the Bible way. Those who are led by the Spirit become the sons of God. Can you say or any one else say who has not the Holy Spirit that you are saved? No, you must be born of the Spirit before you can be saved as a child of God. That is the only way if you want to be a child of God. You will then be just a plain child of God. He will make you to love the brethren and will make your home happy. The Holy Spirit is to lead men and women into truth and righteousness. It does not make you to say things that people cannot un-

God wants you to say things that can be understood. May the Lord lead people to not be led by the evil spirit as I was once. God wants people to be holy, not to be crazy about things, and say things no one understands. Yes, the Lord said that you would speak with a new tongue, and everyone of His people

J. G. Roberts

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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The Week of Prayer

By Mrs. Fannie Polston,
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At a very dark hour in the history of Israel, Jehovah said unto Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." That was His marching orders then—it is His marching orders today. God has never changed. Therefore, we women of the Free Will Baptist Auxiliary face the eternal, unfolding, challenging future with God's imperative command, *go forward.*

Our tasks now, as the tasks of His people have ever been, are great, but the resources at our command are unlimited. His arm is not bound that he cannot help. As He rolled back the waters of the Red Sea and made a path of dry land for His people of old, so will He roll aside the present day obstacles for us if we will but *trust Him.*

Suppose Jesus had looked only at the immediate situation, the whole world set against Him, and rejected by His own people. A little handful of unknown disciples with no money, no powerful institutions, no material resources! From a material standpoint, what possible hope of success was there for Him and His enterprise?

Our Lord was able to and did look ahead. He looked beyond the present. Beyond what appeared to be great obstacles, beyond what appeared to be a little band of helpless followers, beyond what appeared to the multitudes, at first, to be a new and insignificant teaching. He looked beyond to the power that would at last overcome the world of

sin. He did not save the world in the first century but He laid hold on it savingly. He saw beyond the first century—beyond even the twentieth century; and He sees beyond the present and into the limitless future when His mission shall have been accomplished.

To look beyond the present into the future is the test both of *faith* and of *intelligence*. It requires little faith to move in the light of day. Faith projects life into tomorrow and the days ahead.

I believe our greatest need these days is for a deeper spiritual life. More *real* consecration, more *real* devotion, and a more *real* worship. A definite campaign in this direction would, I believe, do more to solve our problems than any other move we could make.

We are taught by our Divine Teacher to "Pray the Lord of the Harvest" for our Educational program, our Home and Foreign Mission program, and for benevolences such as Orphanage and Superannuation work and other kinds of charity work that we carry on in our communities.

Is this a challenging program? Yes. The teachings of God shall be the foundation of our plan of work. If you are discouraged, I say to you "Lift up your heads and as a united body of Christian women lift up the Christ and go bravely on to claim His promise." "I will draw all men unto me," saith Jesus.

Plan to meet at Paintsville, Kentucky in July. May our reports be the best and may our spiritual strength be renewed for the greater task ahead.

The South East Alabama District Convention Meet

The South East Alabama District Convention of Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliaries met with Spring Field Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in March with Mrs. S. M. Womack presiding. After several songs by congregation prayer was led by Mrs. Womack.

Scripture reading by Mrs. S. G. Carter, sixth chapter of Matthew.

Song by congregation.

Welcome Address by Mrs. Dorothy Kay.

Song by congregation.

Program rendered by Spring Field.

Prayer by Mrs. S. G. Carter.

Reading on Missions by Mrs. L. Harwick.

Reading by Miss Mabel Carter.

Reading by Mrs. Clara Raburn.

Song by congregation.

Musical reading by Miss Mabel Carter.

Reading by Mrs. Arthur Wiggins.

Interesting discourse on the life of Job by Mrs. J. A. Raburn.

Song by congregation.

Adjourn for lunch to reassemble at one o'clock.

After lunch the body reassembled with Mrs. S. M. Womack presiding.

Song by congregation.

Prayer by Mrs. D. W. Poole.

Interesting talks by Mr. Carter, Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Register.

Business session. Secretaries read reports from societies represented. Howard's Grove, Spring Hill, Pleasant Ridge, New Hope, Grangeburg and Shiloh.

New societies organized since last convention were accepted by New Hope, Grangeburg, Shiloh, Long Branch, Magnolia, Pleasant Home and Hickory Grove.

Financial report:

Convention dues received	.....\$ 6.70
Free Will Offering	----- 1.77
Total receipts	-----\$ 8.52
Paid to Field Secretary	----- 3.25
Paid to Zion Bible School	----- 3.32
Total disbursements	-----\$ 6.57
Balance	-----\$ 1.95
Committees elected.	Mrs. B. F.

Keel, Mrs. R. L. Burnham and Mrs. L. Hamrick, program committee for next convention.

By vote of convention time of meeting was changed from semi-annually to annually, first regular annual convention to convene on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1940.

Invitation accepted to convene with Pleasant Ridge Church.

A vote of thanks was given to Spring Field for hospitalities of the day.

Song by congregation.

Benediction by president.

Aid Report of Stancil's Chapel

Our Ladies Aid held its meeting on March 23 at the church. The members sang hymn, "I'm Praying for You," as the opening song, and the topic, "Having Shut My Door," we discussed. Fifteen members were present for this meeting, nine absent and one visitor with us.

During the past three months there have been made six sick visits, four trays, five quarts of milk, and one vase of flowers taken to the sick and needy. We have read fifty chapters in the Bible since the last report. We have taken in one dollar and sixty-five cents for flowers, and we sent three dollars to the convention, leaving two dollars and ten cents in the treasury.

Our next meeting will be on April 27 at the church, and Miss Polly Baily was appointed as the program committee for the next meeting.

(Miss) Cassie Warren, Secy.

Ladies Missionary Society Report

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Free Will Baptist Church of Keith, Texas, met Monday afternoon March 18, 1940.

It was called to order by song. The roll call was answered by the paying of dues which amounted to \$1.20.

Plans were made to entertain the candidates with a box supper and use the proceeds of the affair for repairing the church building. Mrs.

Tatum Trant was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The District meet, which convenes with North Zulch Church, April 3, was discussed. Mrs. Clyde Maxwell was elected as the delegate to represent our society.

After sentence prayers, the lesson from Mark 7-12 was discussed. The remainder of Mark is to be used for the April lesson.

Activities of the Society

No. sick visits made	96
No. bouquets carried	6
No. trays carried	19
No. chapters read (entire quarter)	700
No. gallons milk given	50

After song, the meeting was dismissed by prayer by Mrs. Lizzie Trant.

Mrs. Howard Bennett, Pres.,
Mrs. Clyde Maxwell, Secy.

Notice to District Directors

Will you please mail to me your reports before our Auxiliary Convention meets? We want to be able to tell just what we have been doing for our Orphanage. I hope to get your reports in due time for this work.

We want to make this year the best yet for the Orphanage, for we all know that they need our loyal support. Let no one of the directors fail to show their hearty co-operation.

Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. J. L. Braswell, State Dir.,
413 North James Street,
Goldsboro, North Carolina

To What Extent Are We Missionary-Minded?

(Continued from page three)

church. I wish to say that we are getting along very well in our aid, as well as in our work in general. Our ladies are very interested in the cause, and our prayers are for its success. Rev. Clifton Rice is our pastor and everybody likes him fine, and he is capable of leading our people. I wish there was something you might say that would interest the preachers more, as I feel that that

is one of the reasons why our people seem so unconcerned. They don't hear things from the pulpit very often, if ever. A majority of the people don't know of the work—they read no Baptist, and attend very few conventions, therefore they don't know very much of what is being done. Ah! what an indictment, and a challenge too.

Brother Levi Hill of Snow Hill, North Carolina writes as follows: "Dear Brother Davidson, I am sending you a check for \$25.00 as a donation for Hull Road church for the educational program. You may give the church credit for \$20.00, and the Sunday School credit for \$5.00. I hope the other churches will do better than Hull Road. We have on a Building Program for the Orphanage now, and we try to do what we can for them."

Listen to the words of a Kansas minister, namely, Rev. Roy Lee Hancock of Haddam. "Dear Brother Davidson, enclosed you will find a money order for \$4.00 to be placed in the fund for our National School. I wish I could do more, but on \$20.00 per month I don't feel like I can give much more than my tithes toward any of our programs. I am dividing it between the school and foreign missions. Trusting this will be of some help."

I quote the above paragraphs that you may know something of the sentiment of different people. There are wonderful examples, as well as challenges for all of us.

The Lord keeps adding territory, and cash, to the support of this cause constantly. Two new states have been added since my last communication, namely, California and Kansas. Why should I become discouraged in such a cause? We may have to wait, as did Caleb and Joshua, but we shall walk through this land flowing with the riches of service; and shall be able to say, with Caleb, "Give me this mountain."

Brethren, everywhere, will you now fall in line, whole-heartedly, and help to hasten this victory? I am depending on you.

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Hosea Tells of God's Forgiving Love

(Lesson for April 14)

Lesson: Hosea 6: 1-7; 14: 4-9.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" (I John 1:9).

A backslider is one who experiences broken fellowship with God thru spiritual disobedience. To backslide, one must be saved. Many who were never saved are wrongly classified as backsliders. God yearns for backsliders to return to Him. This yearning is proven by continuous Biblical appeal for the backslider's return. God appealed through Hosea to backslidden Israel to return.

God always encourages backsliders to return to Him. He assured Israel that He desired repentance concerning their backsliding in order to bless them. Fulfilling His conditions, would mean their restoration, spiritual nourishment, deliverance from chastening judgments and God's strengthening, establishment and expansion of them. They would be made spiritually attractive, fragrant and fruitful, also a world-wide testimony and instrument of service for God. Future blessings would be safeguarded thru God's curing their backsliding. Thus they would be used to prove the folly of backsliding and the wisdom of living for God. A write-up tells of a young man who left home. He was too proud and stubborn to appeal for help. A nation-wide search found him suffering with cold. He testified that he had not eaten for a week. Imagine his surprise upon learning that he was heir to \$250,000 thru his grandfather's death.

Many Christians suffer more severely and miss much greater treasure by stubbornly refusing to return to God for cure of their backsliding.—

—W. M.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The prophet Hosea labored during the period in which the Northern Kingdom was oppressed and menaced by the Assyrians. The grossest of evils, such as idolatries, anarchies, tyrannies, murders, adulteries, drunkenness, stealing, lying, and all the rest were commonly committed, and the knowledge of God was practically forgotten (Hosea 4: 1-6).

In our lesson verses we shall find that the chief thought around which all revolves is *God's demand for sincere repentance*. The sin of the nation has been great, every conceivable sin has been practiced, and judgment is inevitable. The severity of God's judgment is seen in many passages (Hosea 1:4; 5:5-15; 8: 8; 9: 6-17). Hosea foretells the

humiliation and repentance of the people, in vision he sees the nation returning unto the Lord (6:1). The people have seen that all their afflictions are the result of their infidelity and that their lot will not be improved until they return unto the Lord. But their repentance is *shallow*, they are thinking more of their pitiable condition than of the gravity of their sin. It is not surprising therefore, that their goodness was "as a morning cloud, and as the early dew" (vs. 4). Sorrow for sin is not enough; recognition of the folly and results of sin is not enough. God's forgiveness in Christ must be sought and we must turn from sin to God to righteousness and keep straight on. When repentance and conversion are *real* then through the Holy Spirit the heart is changed and the desire and power is given to love and follow after righteousness (I Timothy 6: 11; II Timothy 2:22). In Hosea 14: 4-9 we have an illustration of sincere repentance, Ephraim renounce

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his idols forever knowing from bitter experience the futility of idolatry (vs. 3) and that its "fruit," its highest good, is found in God alone (vs. 8). Happy are they who, having discovered this truth, abide permanently in Christ and bring forth "much fruit" (John 15:1-5).—A. H.

II. Home Work

1. Name the Twelve Minor prophets of the Old Testament.

2. What is the Scriptural designation of those out of Israel who are being saved now? (Romans 11: 5, 6).

3. In what sense will "all Israel" be saved in the future? (Romans 11:26; Zechariah 13: 8, 9; Revelation 7: 3-8).

4. Upon what condition has the Lord pledged Himself to restore Israel? (Hosea 14: 1, 2).

5. What is the difference between the goodness of man and the goodness of God? (Hosea 6:4; Ps. 52:1).

6. How does God seek to lead men to repentance? (Romans 2:4).

7. When and why does God deal with man in severity? (Romans 11: 21, 22).

8. What blessings will the Lord's presence bring to Israel? (Hosea 14: 4-8). —W. J. T.

9. Read the Book of Hosea this week if possible. The Advanced and Senior Quarterlies have an abundance of helpful material on this lesson. These helps are constantly getting better. Let us use them and also pray that God will bless the editors and all who study these lessons.

Sidney News

Our pastor Rev. Hermon Wooten conducted services at the Sidney F. W. B. Church, third Saturday. Delegates were elected to attend the union Grove Church. Other business was brought up and discussed.

Bro. Wooten was suffering from a serious throat ailment, so soon after services he went back to his

home in Garner. In his absence Sunday morning, Mr. Jerome T. Linton gave us a very interesting and inspiring talk on "the death and resurrection of Christ." Sunday evening Mr. Linton continued his talk on "the resurrection of Christ," and Mrs. J. Frank Edwards' intermediate Sunday School Class composed the choir. They used as their accompaniment the mandolin and the guitar.

Despite the fast falling snow and slippery roads, the Easter pageant, "Out of Darkness into Light," was well attended at the church Sunday evening. The pageant was very impressively carried out, and Mrs. Edward Davis who directed it deserves much credit for her efforts in making the pageant a success.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Reporter

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Boys and Girls Corner

Buell's Badge

Buell came to school wearing a little white ribbon badge, and when the others asked him about it he explained that it was to show that he was a member of the new Temperance Band that had been organized in the church on Sunday afternoon. "It's to help us teach other boys and girls that there is a kind of poison in wine and beer and all such drinks. That's why our state made a law to keep it from being made or sold in this state," said Buell, proud that he knew so much about it.

"Oh, my father says that's a very silly law," said Jack. "My mother served wine at a dinner party the other night, and all the people who were there just laughed about the foolish law."

Then the bell rang and they all went in to school, but Buell looked at his little white badge with troubled eyes, wondering if he had made a mistake about the drinks with alcohol in them.

That afternoon all the boys of his grade stayed to organize a school band. Jack's big brother Ted was to come with the car to take him home, and Jack asked Buell and George to ride with them. It took a long time, and when the boys finally came out of the building it was nearly half past five. "Wait a minute," cried Jack, "I forgot to tell the teacher something," and he suddenly turned and ran back.

The other boys climbed into the car. Ted was in a hurry to get home, and was tired and cross. He was smoking a cigarette, but he threw it away, and took out of his pocket the prettiest little, flat silver bottle that Buell had ever seen. He opened it and took a drink of what was in it—something that had a strong smell like medicine. The minutes went by, and still Jack did not come out. The teacher was showing him his new cornet, and the time seemed very short to them. Ted scolded and

scolded, and presently took another longer drink from the silver bottle. When Jack finally came, Ted's face was red and angry, and he started the car with a furious jerk.

Down the street went the car, faster than Buell had ever gone before, past other cars, past the signal lights. Suddenly there was a crash that tumbled the boys from the seat, and when they scrambled out they found the beautiful car bent and broken, and another car which it had struck, turned completely over. In a minute there was a crowd, and a policeman who took Ted to the police station.

Three frightened boys walked home, and when Buell told his father and mother what had happened, they explained that it was the drink in the silver bottle that had hurt Ted's mind so that he could not drive.

Buell looked at his little white badge. "I'm going to get every boy that I can to join our Temperance Band," he said to himself.—From *My Palace*.

I Timothy 5:22: "*Keep thyself pure.*"

The Father's Face

By Louise Cary

The night was dark and stormy,
The angry wind rose high;
A little lad was roused from sleep;
His father heard him cry.
The fury of the tempest
Had lashed the wires about,
And everywhere deep darkness
reigned,
For all the lights were out.

The father took his flashlight
To find his laddie's room
And, with its tiny gleam of cheer,
To help dispel the gloom.
A loving impulse moved him,
As he was coming near,
To turn the light on his own face
And calm his laddie's fear.

These days are dark and stormy,
Yet we need never fear
If we are sheltered 'neath the blood;

Our Father's face is near.
Sin's tempest is increasing,
But when we kneel to pray
The Sun of righteousness ascends
And turns our night to day.

—In *Moody Monthly*

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IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDMOTHER,
MRS. MARY PRICE

On March the eleventh,
Just past the hour of three;
An angel came and said,
"Come, go to heaven with me."

Just one week ago today,
God called grandmother away;
Oh how we miss her no tongue can tell
But she has gone to heaven to dwell.

She had grown old and gray,
Still we hated to see her go away;
But, grandmother, we all know
That we must some day from this world
go.

She was kind, patient and did her best,
Until the Lord called her to rest
I know she has gone to a brighter land;
To play her harp with the angel band.

Your place is vacant, we're sad and lonely,
And the empty chair will never be filled;
Oh, grandmother, how we miss you
But we know 'twas the Savior's will.
Written by her granddaughter,
Mrs. Bennie Anderson

GASKIN—On February 3, 1940 God in His great wisdom called the soul of Mr. Freeman H. Gaskin to be with Him. He was born on August 22, 1847, making his stay on earth 92 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

He leaves to mourn their loss, Mrs. Allie Gaskin; three daughters, Mrs. Hattie Rowe, Mrs. Cora Dennis, and Mrs. Nellie Pate; two sons, Mr. F. H. Gaskin of Vanceboro, N. C., and Charlie Gaskin of Raleigh, N. C. There are 22 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at his home by H. B. Lewis, the Methodist minister of Vanceboro. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

The home is sad and lonely,
And there's the vacant chair;
But Jesus knew best for him,
And He called him home up there.

Written by Clennie Sutton

BARTLETT. The spirit of J. H. Bartlett took its flight to God, who gave it, on February 17, 1940, after several weeks' illness. His wife, to whom he was devoted, preceded him one year and two months to the grave.

He united with the church when he was a young man, and lived a consecrated Christian life. He was 78 years old when he died. He moved his membership to the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist church several years ago, and was a ruling elder until his death.

We miss him so much, but we bow in humble submission to God's will, realizing that it is better to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. Christ was a living reality to him, and he was a loyal and faithful witness to Him. It was inspiring to hear him pray, as one felt the presence of the Holy Spirit with him.

To his nine children, who loved and honored him, he leaves the heritage of an unusual name, and a victorious life. Rev. C. B. Thompson, his pastor, preached his funeral at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John McClenny. His body was tenderly laid in the Goldsboro Cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers to await the resurrection morn.

Written by Mrs. J. M. Mitchell

As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.—Isaiah 45: 10, 11.

*As rain on meadows newly mown,
So shall he send his influence down;
His grace on fainting souls distil,
Like heavenly dew on thirsty hills.*

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass, Deuteronomy 32: 2.

I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring; and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.—Isaiah 44: 3, 4.

The Holy Spirit must reveal

The Saviour's work and worth;

Then the hard heart begins to feel

A new and heavenly birth.

One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Isaiah 44: 5.

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Ps. 12:2; 31:6, 18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

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O LOVE incarnate,
Who comes from above,
To show us God the Father
In human life of love,
God's love to earth thou bringest
That men may see in thee
How like man is the Father,
How like God man may be.

O LOVE of God incarnate,
Life bearer sent to men,
Who drinks at thy deep fountain
Shall never thirst again:
God's life to earth thou bringest,
And, though the thorn-path trod,
Led thee to death on Calvary,
Thou wast the Son of God!

O LOVE of God incarnate,
Thy resurrection hour
Revealed the life eternal,
And robbed death of its power:
Enthroned on high thou reignest
That men may share with thee
Thy life, thy love, thy glory,
And live eternally.

O LOVE of God incarnate,
Thou ever-living Word,
Through whom the Father speaketh,
In whom man's voice is heard,
In thee all love and wisdom,
Divine and human meet;
When God through thee hath spoken
Love's message is complete.

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Union Chapel Free Baptist
Church of Washington County, 6½
miles south of Plymouth, on 97 road,
will have, on Saturday before the
Second Sunday in April, 1940, a
home coming day. Dinner will be
served on the ground.

All brethren, sisters, former pas-
tors and friends are invited to come.

J. H. Allen, *Clerk*

Take, my brethren, the prophets,
who have spoken in the name of the
Lord, for an example of suffering
affliction, and of patience.—James
5: 10.

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A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

W. E. COVILLE, CHAIRMAN, *National Sunday School Board*

A few weeks ago an article bearing this same caption appeared in this paper. Included in this article was a twelve point "Standard." The twelve points were briefly stated and no explanation or discussion was given. By the help of the Lord I hope to be able to give what I consider the merits of the proposed Standard. During the next twelve or fourteen weeks I shall endeavour to discuss the advantages of a standardized system of administration for our Sunday Schools.

By the way of introduction, let me quote a paragraph from the first article, "Surely all who have studied conditions in our Sunday schools realize the need of some sort of standardization. Some system that will unify our efforts. Some plan or organization under which we may all labor together. We feel that our schools need to be lifted from the state of "going nowhere in a hurry" to a new vision. A vision of construction, of expansion, of growth, of efficiency. A vision that will make us forget that our Sunday school service is just a part of the church program and for that reason must be endured."

Let us now give our attention to point number one of section one, namely, Church Control. Point one is stated as follows: The Sunday school is the teaching department of the church. The church shall elect all officers and teachers: the school shall make monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury.

I assume that all are agreed that the Sunday school is the teaching department of the church, or to put it another way, the church school. What church would permit its Board of Deacons to be elected by the County Court or City Council of the county or town in which the

church is located? The reply is negative. The question seems silly. The fact is that the *Sunday School is a part of the church in just as true a sense as is the Board of Deacons, the prayer meeting, or even the pastor.*

If we are still in accord in our reasoning, we must admit that, unless the church elects the officers and teachers of its (not the) Sunday school, the parent organization is not giving proper attention to the welfare of one of its brightest and most worthy children, the church school. The church should be entirely responsible for the kind of teaching done in the Sunday school and for the kind of teachers doing the teaching. Only after the church has elected the officers and teachers does it properly assume the responsibility for what is taught and for who teaches it. Is it not of greatest importance that our Sunday school members, especially the young men and women and boys and girls, be taught the great fundamental truths of the Bible from which comes the Free Will Baptist doctrine?

The officer or teacher elected by the church is entrusted with a position of great honor and importance. The average person, thusly placed, will strive without ceasing to merit the honor and trust that the church has placed upon him.

We now have the officers and teachers elected by and teaching in the church school-working in the church. Let us not stop there. Let us, as a church, continue to keep a watchful eye upon our church school and its officers and teachers. You who are mothers and fathers, and, by the way, fathers—Sunday School is not for women only, are always anxious to see the report cards that your children bring home from school. Why? Because they are your

children and you are interested in their school progress and deportment. Should we not seem more interested in the spiritual progress and deportment of our children? We say, Yes we are deeply interested in their spiritual welfare but how can we learn of their progress or lack of progress? The answer is: thru the written monthly report from the Sunday School to the church. If we, as a church, have become responsible for the administration and teaching of our school, we certainly want to hear it at least once a month.

The responsibility of the church does not end here. Thus far we find the parent church watching carefully over that bright and worthy child, the church school, but there is more for which the parent body is responsible. Did you ever send your little girl or boy off to school without any lunch or money with which to buy it? If you have—and I don't think any Free Will Baptist ever has—at least not intentionally—but if you have, that act went far deeper into your heart than the cost of the lunch would have gone into your pocket. As a parent church let us resolve to never see our bright and worthy child, the church school, go hungry or threadbare for want of financial aid.

On the other hand, have you as a parent ever run a little short on cash? You know that your little boy or girl has a bank in which there are a few dimes. As a last resort, you ask the child to give you a part of his money. How does it make you feel? Well, you feel just like the parent church feels when it asks its child, the Sunday school, for money with which to pay the pastor or current expenses of the church. Such a condition should never exist if a child is to have respect for

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EDITORIAL

Blasphemy against the holy name of God is prevalent among some people today. One does not have to mingle long or pass by certain groups of people congregated together in public places before he will hear blasphemous expressions falling from the lips

THE SIN OF some so-called re-
BLASPHEMY spectable people.

With little or no regard for the divinity of God, they commonly utter words that cause Christian people to shudder with horror. Such people seem to show no regard for the feelings of religious minded people, much less than to reverence the name of God. They will take the name of God in vain, in conversational tones, in the presence of women and children on the streets of our towns and cities. We have been witness to this fact more than once.

It seems to be more or less a habit with such people. But Christians do not like to hear God's name profaned in such manner and in such public places. It is not because those people do not know better for they do, we believe; but they have fallen into this sinful habit because of carelessness and the utter disregard for God's name. It is a shame on them. And what is more surprising, there are found in this group the lettered individuals as well as the ignorant, the well-to-do as well as the poor, the white man as well as the colored man. In laughter and joking conversations they frequently use God's name to carry their point and to express their feeling. Such is a thrust against good morals and decent society. But such profanity is very often heard by ministers and other religious people in places where these people are congregated together. Such conditions are hurtful not only to the minister and the laymen of the church, but also to the children and

others who are forced to hear such when they pass down the streets in congregated places. We have observed that the person who has just taken a drink or two of old John Barley-Corn is the one who utters such blasphemous words most profusely. The Devil and his alluring works are responsible for such infamous speech, and blasphemous expressions against the heavenly Father. We believe some means should be used to better this condition. The civil authorities and the religious forces might effect ways by which this condition can be greatly improved in such centers where it is most prevalent. By the use of right methods, we believe much good can be done for this class of careless profaners of God's name.

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Gambling is also a common sin among some people in places where people come together to gossip and to scatter seeds of vice. It is shocking to learn that so many people gamble now. Betting, shooting dice, drawing for chances, and other like games are becoming

THE SIN OF more and more com-
GAMBLING mon with some people. Like blasphemy, gambling is observed in certain places and among certain classes of people. It is not so open and bold, perhaps, as blasphemous utterances against God's name, but it is prevalent among some people congregated together in secret places. Just so the law does not catch them, they are all right they think. If they can win over the other man, and get his money, they are satisfied. It is the old story of "getting something for nothing," tricking the other person out of his hard earned money. But the other man is equally guilty for entering the gambling ring. Without a challenge and taking chances

between men there would be no gambling parties. But Satan here, as in the case of blasphemy, is always ready to challenge people to do his bidding, meet his challenges, and follow his alluring devices. Thus certain people fall into the gambling habit and become enemies to good society. God will pronounce his judgment against such practices. Often whole families have to suffer for the need of the necessities of life because of the bread-winner's money having been lost in the gambler's den. This is a shame to society. It is degrading to homes and loved ones, those who have to bear such treatment. No man has the right to stake his hard earned money on the gambler's table, whether he loses or whether he wins. God's word speaks expressly against such practice. God gives the good things of this life that they may be used for the benefit of mankind and for his glory, and not to be cast to the winds in a wasteful manner.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

With the Rockingham Church—
At this writing (April 3rd) I am conducting a meeting in the Rockingham Church of which Rev. Walter Carter is pastor. The work here is young—only about seven years old—but is in a healthy, growing condition. The Sunday School is making an average of about 160. Brother Carter is a live worker. The people seem to follow his suggestions as a pastor. Last summer the church building was enlarged. The building has five nicely arranged Sunday School rooms. The church has a good Choir leader and the singing is good which helps in the worship so much. We are having good congregations. We had nine ministers Tuesday evening besides Brother Carter and myself in the service.

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The Necessity of the New Birth

—The word of God assures us that it is absolutely necessary for man to be "born again." The Psalmist says, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51: 5). Jeremiah says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Mark records Christ as saying, "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, and evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7: 20-23). These Scriptures make it plain that a man cannot please God until the heart is made new. God who is Holy cannot abide in an evil heart. Therefore Christ said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see God" (John 3: 3).

How Are We Born Again?—There are many man-made theories about the new birth and the new creation of the heart of man. Almost two-thirds of the people with whom I talk think that a person has got to do a great deal of praying in order for God to save the soul. Some often say, "Pray through." But does God tell the sinner to "Pray through?" A lady says, "Brother Griffin, I am preparing dinner for you today and I want you to be sure to come at the noon hour to eat with us." All right, about the hour for dinner I arrive and begin to beg the lady to let me eat—rush right in and fall down and pray for her to "give me dinner." You say that is foolish. Well, when we get down and beg God to save us we are asking God to do something that he has invited us to do. He says, "Come for all things are ready." When we beg God to save us we are asking Him to do something that He has offered us all our life. Why not believe God's word? Why not

accept His salvation? Why not go God's way? Why treat God as if He were a hard master? Why act as if God wanted to hold us off and make us beg and agonize and suffer before He will have mercy and save us? Why not go the way of faith? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This does not seem as if God wants to hold a sinner off for days and months before He saves. God is so anxious to save. Why beg Him to do what He wants to do? "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5:1). By faith we accept Eternal Life. "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Ephesians 2: 8). Listen to Jesus, "And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace" (Luke 7:50).

Believing Satan's Lie—I have just read a head-line "Woman on Trial in Mercy Death." This woman claims that God told her to kill her sister. "Our Heavenly Father told me to do it" she said. But God does not conflict Himself. He says, "Thou shalt not kill." Now this woman says that God told her to do something that He has told the human family not to do. If I am to believe the Bible, I must believe that this woman heard the Devil give the command to "kill her sister." Then she claims that she did it as "an act of mercy." However, she wanted, according to an officer of the law, to kill a physician. He was not suffering. She wanted to kill him, not as an "act of mercy" but because her master, the Devil, was speaking to her.

Eve believed Satan's lie, instead of God's truth. Pastor Russell believed Satan's lie, instead of God's word. The Devil took a bundle of his lies and wrapped Scripture around the bundle and handed it out as "religion" and Russell swal-

lowed it and thousands have been taking the Devil's capsules ever since. God's Word informs us that in the last days that there will be a "falling away" and that people will prefer to believe Satan's lie instead of the truth. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2: 11, 12).

Announcement

Dear Baptist Readers:

If you have not heard of the plans of a Free Will Baptist church in Raleigh, North Carolina, please get a copy of *The Free Will Baptist* that was published on March 20, 1940 and look on page 11 for the heading *A Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh*. Read this article earnestly and prayerfully. There may come a thousand questions in your mind about the desire of some to have a church in Raleigh. Please dismiss them all, and believe us when we say that it is an unselfish desire. We want it for Christ Jesus our Lord and the salvation of souls for whom He died. Have you done your part to help Him in this part of His kingdom?

We have pledges amounting to \$700.00 so far. If you have not written to us, why not write us a card so that we may know that you are interested or what your pledge is if you will make a pledge.

Yours in Jesus,

Chester Pelt,
Greenville, N. C.

Notice

This is to state that I am open for revival work during this spring and summer. I shall be glad to hear from any church or pastor who desire my services.

Rev. M. L. Johnson,
Goldsboro, N. C., Route 3

The Secret of Successful Evangelism

By T. H. Willey,
318 Maplewood,
Houston, Texas

The church that is not emphasizing evangelism is a church with empty hands standing before dead altars on which no fires glow. The supreme task of the Body of Christ is to evangelize. In other words, preach the Gospel so that the ultimate aim is the conversion to Christ of the unsaved. When men preach thus revival fires are kindled on every hand, and preachers, laymen and lay-women go into neglected communities organize Sunday Schools and out of them churches are developed. The history of all of the great evangelical organizations has been written by men who have had a firm conviction that the world is a lost world, and with a passion to seek and lead the lost to the Saviour. They have gone into the high-ways and by-ways persuading men to be reconciled to God. They have gone forth with a holy zeal that has caused the sinner to stop and ponder his ways. Convictions came arousing him to his real state. Remember this, only aroused men can arouse men.

If I were in a position to charge men of the church with any special lack it would be on the grounds, *we lack passion*. Another word for passion is fire, this is a Bible word. It was this they had on the day of Pentecost. The testimony of the Baptist was, "He (the great Baptizer) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Now the kind of fire we mean is not wild fire, but holy fire. I think I am right when I say that the Free Will Baptist people have been so burnt with the fanaticism of wild fire at times that they are afraid of all fire. Never forget there is a true fire of God.

I have been an interested student over a period of years, twenty five at the least, in revivals, their laws

and reactions. I have witnessed a few real revivals. As a pastor and evangelist I have come up against some wild-fire methods. They are not healthy methods. But I have on the other hand witnessed the genuine. Be assured of this that wherever there is the counterfeit there is also the genuine.

As I write this I am thinking particularly of some great revivals which have affected history, especially during the past two centuries. First the great Wesleyan revival is an example because of its far reaching effects. This revival saved the English people from making the same mistake the French made in becoming skeptical and as a result led into infidelity. The Wesleys, John, the preacher, and Samuel the singer, George Whitefield, and John Fletcher, the theologian, and many other earnest men were moved and filled with the baptismal fire and Spirit of the Lord. So greatly were they filled and thrilled with the vital message of the Gospel that formal churches tried to restrain them and finally disowned them refusing them their churches to preach in. Nothing daunted, they went forth a flame of earnest conviction and with hearts aflame with love for all men. Their cry was "Flee the wrath to come." They pointed to Christ as the only and all sufficient remedy for sin. Those flames spread to the new world, America. With the infusion of the Holy Spirit oceans were no longer barriers, they came as missionaries to the new world. Whitefield with a tongue touched with holy fire with such eloquence and fire that Benjamin Franklin came to hear him preach in Philadelphia at a distance of five miles. One man was converted as a result of the ministry of that fire baptized evangelist Benjamin Randall who joined the Congregational church. He finally left them to become the ardent exponent of the doctrine of freedom of will, free grace and open communion. If Benjamin Randall did not have this same anointing, I am badly mistaken.

Now I want to notice the secret source of the power in these men. Observe if you will, Wesley as a scholar, master in Greek, Hebrew and Latin, holding a chair in Oxford University, and a priest in the Episcopal church. I doubt if few men lived a more consecrated life than John Wesley. There were a few more self-sacrificing and self-denying. We find him soon leaving the association of the few godly friends in the Holy Club formed by the Wesley brothers and Whitefield, he was on his way as a missionary to America and to minister to a small congregation of his fellow countrymen in Savannah, Georgia. We discover that his ministry was far from being a success in America. He met the Moravians coming to America to colonize and upon meeting them he sensed the holy glow in their lives and their teachings. It so aroused him that when he returned it was to go on to Count Zinzendorf's colony in Germany and study their interpretation of the Word. On arriving in Great Britain there was the great experience at Applegate meeting that came, as he described it, as a great inflating of melting love and tenderness. This came as he was reading Luther's notes on the New Testament, translated into English. He was so moved that he was compelled to go forth with the message of this glorious experience of Divine grace. The difference between John Wesley, the staid church-man, and John Wesley the founder of the Wesleyan societies was in this anointing for service in evangelism.

The great revival under Charles G. Finney, which saved New England from loss of power and extreme Calvinistic errors came only because C. G. Finney was mightily anointed with the Holy Spirit. You can appreciate this man and the movement by reading the Autobiography of Charles G. Finney. Every preacher that desires to be evangelistic should read this book for inspiration.

We cannot leave out Dwight L. Moody, the lay preacher. What was

it that made D. L. Moody? Certainly it was not mental brilliancy or education or culture. If you will read his personal testimony you will discover it was this same anointing of the Holy Spirit which came as a result of entire consecration of all self to God. Some men might say, these are a few exceptions. I am persuaded that what God has for these few, He has for all men if we meet the conditions they met, consecration of themselves absolutely to God.

What of today? I am persuaded that there is a clear cut challenge facing the people called Free Will Baptists under an anointed ministry. We are faced on every front with modernism, fanaticism, materialism, besides the same old sins of all ages. Mind you, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of evangelism. Because of this type of church I have no scruples about going into a community to preach an evangelistic Gospel. We as ministers and people are going to plod along in formalism or we are going to jump into the battle for souls. Let us answer the challenge of this age by being entirely consecrated to God.

The WGTC Bible Institute

To correct some misunderstanding regarding the Bible Institute which I have been asked to conduct over Radio Station WGTC, this article is submitted. This is not to be just a religious broadcast, as there are already many very good ones. It is our purpose and also the purpose of Mr. Julian White, owner of the station, to bring within the reach of the public a plain, helpful, comprehensive and fundamental Bible Course, calculated to be of help to those who desire a better understanding of the sacred Scriptures.

As many of our people are unacquainted with Mr. White, I will say that he is a high type of Christian man, one hundred per cent fundamental.

At what place the institute will be held is a matter to be decided. As for me I would prefer the class

room of the Dr. Peeden Memorial Bible Class in the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, where I would have the advantage of my charts, maps, calendars, and other equipment, but since this would create another expense it will probably be in the studio of WGTC, but, regardless, it will be a class room and your radio will make it possible for you to receive the helps as though you were there. The Bible Institute will be on the air at least once each week for an indefinite period of time, at least long enough to cover the entire Bible, as this is Mr. White's desire. The length of the weekly class period has not yet been set, but will probably be around thirty minutes. It will have to conform to the electrical transcribing process, as Mr. White plans to have each period transcribed, and I have given him permission to do so. This will make it possible for both Mr. White and myself to continue to be a blessing to you even after we have gone into the Great Beyond.

The institute will be interdenominational, yet no point of our doctrine will be compromised. We submit a few topics of lessons to be taught: The Inspiration and Authenticity of the Bible; Introduction to the Books of the Bible; Theism and the Creation; The Pentateuch and its place in Holy Writ; The Kingdom of God in Shadows (which will consist of a number of lessons that might be properly classed as a plain and simplified course in Typology); Prophecy Fulfilled in the Light of Contemporary History; The Harmony of the Gospels; Events in the Early Church; Expositions on the Writings of the Apostles (including the Apocalypse, or Revelation).

Whether or not we'll have a question box is undecided. Some advise favorably, while others unfavorably. Also the question of having periodical examinations will depend upon how many competent men and women will volunteer their assistance in grading papers.

In a few days, perhaps by the time you read this, enrollment

blanks will be off the press, and the committee would like for interested men or women in all our churches within a radius of 75 miles of Greenville, North Carolina, to write in for these blanks, and get as many enrolled as possible at an early date and return. There will be no tuition fee, as we are all working together to the glory of God, but naturally the committee, and also Mr. White, would like to know to what extent our effort and expense is appreciated, and this can only be determined by your response. This institute will cost Mr. White an enormous sum of money, but this he does not regret, if it can be of help to a large number of people. The management of the Institute has requested Rev. L. E. Ballard, pastor of the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, to act temporarily as Secretary. His address is 1217 Evans Street, Greenville, North Carolina, and all correspondence should be addressed to him.

This Institute has been endorsed by the official Board of the Greenville Baptist Church, and also by the Second Union of the Central Conference, as well as by numbers of individuals, who feel that it should prove a blessing to our people. Several of the lectures which will be used in the institute were given in the Greenville Church during our recent Pre-Easter Institute, and those who attended this institute have some understanding of the nature of what we propose to do.

In closing I am asking that each person who may read these lines will pray earnestly that I may be used by the Spirit of God as an instrument in His hand to help to make clear His expressed will to the children of men. I am depending on you, please do not fail me.

Yours for Christian Education,
D. A. Windham

Notice of Address

This is to state that our address for the time being is as follows:

Rev. Thomas H. Willey,
318 Maplewood,
Houston, Texas

Free Will Baptist League Rally

On Sunday March 31, 1940, the Free Will Baptist Leagues of Columbus, Mississippi, Tupelo, Mississippi, and Red Bay, Alabama met at Fawn Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Dorsey, Mississippi for their rally.

The meeting was called to order by the President Lester E. Duncan of Tupelo, Mississippi. At the opening of the program the entire group sang "Onward Christian Leaguers." Rev. M. L. Hollis gave the welcome address and then Red Bay presented their program which was a very inspiring play entitled "Blessed Are They." Rev. Hollis gave a very enriching sermon and then the programs adjourned until after the lunch hour.

It was really a feast, as long tables placed in the yard were heavily laden with delicious food.

Immediately after lunch a business meeting was called by President Duncan and some new plans were submitted: 1. Challenging Quarter, and to the League that has the best report on their Challenging Quarters on next rally day will be given twenty-two per cent toward the banner. 2. A summer camp for Mississippi and Alabama leaguers. The important purpose of this camp is an effort to train our boys and girls for the leadership in our Leagues, Sunday Schools, Ladies Aid Societies and other Christian activities. Well trained instructors will be there willing to co-operate and work for the betterment of our boys and girls and for our churches. At night Evangelistic Services will be carried on in a nearby tent. By this it may be that many lost souls will be brought to Christ. We will also have plenty of recreation to go along with our work. The majority agreed that this was a worthy plan and we hope to make this plan real. An arrangement Committee was appointed to work toward this plan. President L. E. Duncan, Rev. M. L. Hol-

lis, Mrs. Nettie Reese of Tupelo, Mississippi, Miss Eva House, Columbus, Mississippi, and Miss Reba Mae Keeton, Red Bay, Alabama.

After the business meeting Columbus Leaguers presented their program followed by Tupelo and Fawn Grove. In reality these programs were regular sermons and many fine and wonderful points were brought out helping everyone to realize the greatness and need of Christian workers. The judges were at a loss as to who should receive the banner and after a close decision Red Bay was given the Banner.

The next rally day is to be Sunday, September 29, 1940, and to be held at Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

Reba Mae Keeton, *Cor.-Secy.*

"Preach the Word"

"Take my yoke upon you."

(MATTHEW 11:29)

Christ tells us here in this verse to do something. Yes, take something, but most people take the wrong thing. Some want to take money, some whiskey, and others fame. While some take the right thing others take the wrong. But the Lord told us what to take—his yoke. He said His yoke was easy. We note in many passages of the scripture where the Master said "Go." If we have on His yoke, we will go and do good works for Him. He never tells anyone to do anything that He will not enable him to do it. The reason so many church members do things the wrong way is they have lost the Master's yoke, and have put on one of another kind. The Master did not say put on yours or mine, or anybody's yoke, but to put on His yoke. When you put on His yoke, you will love everyone.

In I John 3: 14, we find these words: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." That is what makes the Master's yoke so easy. If

the people who are having such a hard time, would go back to God's altar and call upon the Lord in prayer, they would lose that yoke, their heavy burdens, that are all the time hurting them. Jesus said His yoke was easy, and He knew what He was saying. We are to be true to the Lord, for He said in Revelation 2:5, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

May the Lord greatly bless the Baptist readers.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. J. R. Roberts,
21 East Tuscaloosa Ave.,
Alabama City, Alabama

Notice!!

To Ladies Aids and Other Auxiliary Societies:

The new Record Books for your Secretary and Treasurer are now in the hands of the binder and we will likely have copies of them ready for distribution by the time you read this notice.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

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New Bern, N. C.

Bladenboro Aid Report

The Ladies Aid Society of White Oak Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina held its monthly meeting at the church on March 11, 1940. The opening song was "Near the Cross." Next came the scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. Grace Starn had charge of the program which was carefully and prayerfully rendered.

After the devotions were over, we entered into the business period. The roll was called with eleven members present. One new member was received into the society, and we had one visitor present, Miss Estelle Wade, who came to Bladenboro last summer from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. We were very happy to have her with us in our meeting.

We collected as dues \$3.15. The following report was given: Chapters read in the Bible, 341; money given to the needy, \$8.65; sick visits made, 41; flowers, 6; fruit, 7; trays, 7; milk, 3 quarts.

Disbursements

For District, State and National dues	-----	\$5.00
For Foreign Missions (quarterly pledge)	-----	\$2.00
Special offering to the District Convention	-----	\$2.50

The members at this time discussed making plans for the North Carolina Auxiliary Convention which is to be held at White Oak Church on May 23, 1940. We trust that this will be one of the best sessions in the history of the convention, and of the history of this church. We also hope that all who may come to be with us on that day will enjoy a fine day. We hope that

they can say: "It was good to be there."

Please pray for our work, for we need your prayers, and desire an interest in them at all times.

Mrs. D. J. Pait, *Pres.*,

Mrs. George Suggs, *Secy.*

Sidney Aid Report

Because of bad weather our Ladies Aid did not have its meeting on the 14th of March, but it was postponed until March 23. Mrs. Katie Roper called the meeting to order, a hymn was sung and the Lord's Prayer was repeated by all members present. The president read the scripture lesson from the 23rd chapter of Luke, and the reading was followed by sentence prayer.

The roll was called with seven members present and one visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The dues paid in were \$1.80, and \$7.40 paid in for a quilt which was sold.

The Monthly Activities

Nine visits made to the sick; three trays carried to the sick; paid \$5.42 to have work done on the church; read 196 chapters in the Bible.

Mrs. Dorothy Potter and Mrs. Leon Hudnel were appointed as delegates to represent the Aid at the Auxiliary Convention, and three dollars were to be drawn from the treasury for the convention, which is to be held at Sidney Church in April 4, 1940.

All business being attended to, the meeting closed with Sister Cook pronouncing the benediction. The next meeting will be held in April 18, 1940.

Laura Hill, *Cor.-Secy.*

Prerequisites of Pentecostal Blessing

By J. M. Blough

Pentecost wrought marvels in the lives of the disciples. It was the great experience which made them truly Christian and worthy to carry on the Lord's work. It gave them life, power, courage, zeal. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was an absolute necessity in their lives to make them Christlike and to equip them for their spiritual service. The same thing is true today. No one can be a heart Christian without the baptism of the Holy Spirit. No church can represent the Lord Jesus in the world unless its members are baptized with the Spirit. Therefore it behooves us all to know how this needful blessing can be secured. What are the conditions on which it is granted? A study of the first and second chapters of Acts reveals these prerequisites:

I. Obedience

Jesus had said to the disciples: "Tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high." Further, "he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father." Obedience to this command was essential. Had they separated and gone to their homes there never would have been a Pentecost for them. But in obedience to Christ's command there was no rush to go home: their fishing could wait; their business could wait; everything could wait. Nothing had interest for them except the meeting in Jerusalem. For them the command of Jesus took preference over everything else.

II. Faith

The disciples had implicit faith in Jesus for they had seen him die; they were convinced of his resurrection; they were witnesses of his glorious ascension in a cloud to heaven. There was no longer any doubt in their minds about his being their Messiah. He was true; he had

never deceived them, so they firmly believed his promise about the Spirit and were willing to wait for it.

III. Expectancy

Jesus had promised them a wonderful gift. He had created in their hearts an expectation of a blessed experience. "Wait for the promise of the Father." "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." What a grand hope must have filled their hearts! They could not understand just what they were to receive, but they knew it was precious and worthy to be received. They were expectant and eager and longed for it earnestly.

IV. Fellowship

The disciples returned to Jerusalem from Mount Olivet and "went up into the upper room where they were abiding." And when the great event took place "they were all together in one place." They stayed together and enjoyed one another's fellowship as they had enjoyed the fellowship of Jesus. They lived together, they prayed together, and they enjoyed a series of meetings together. No doubt they experienced the blessedness of Jesus' promise: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." What blessed fellowship!

V. Unity

"These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer." Unity is an absolute necessity for receiving spiritual blessing in any church, but it must be unity based on the mind of Christ. The disciples were all obedient to the same command; they all believed the same promise; they all cherished the same hope; they were eager for the same blessing; they were of one mind and that was the mind of Christ. O what power in such unity! and what beauty!

VI. Prayer

The disciples were not idle while they waited; they were praying.

Yes, they "continued stedfastly in prayer." That is just what we would expect them to do. Though Jesus was out of their sight yet they believed that he was with them and would hear their prayers. Prayer was natural to them in these circumstances. Prayer was the most excellent preparation for the blessing they hoped to receive. Prayer is the best preparation for any spiritual experience or exercise. Without prayer we cannot hope for any spiritual blessing or attainment. The prayer meeting which the disciples held had life in it, and a grand purpose, and they were not disappointed.

The virtues and activities of these waiting disciples show all of us the way to receive Pentecostal blessing. No church can acquire this blessing except it follow in this way. What wonder-working revivals we could have if we were eager to adopt the apostolic method. Spiritual laws do not change; heaven still responds to the worthy worshipper. The baptism of the Spirit can be secured in this same manner today. And the subsequent infilling of the Spirit which every earnest Christian must desire and seek, and without which no Christian can grow unto perfection, is available on the same conditions—obedience, faith, expectancy, prayer. These imply giving up all known sin, and complete surrender to the will of God. "Be filled with the Spirit." O glorious privilege!—*Selected by C. J. Harris.*

A Word from Bladenboro

Not having seen an article in the Baptist from Bladenboro for some time, I will write just a note to let you hear from us. Brother M. L. Johnson filled his regular appointments here the week-end of the Fourth Sunday in March, preaching Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

It being Easter Sunday, Brother Johnson brought us a real Easter message on Sunday which we enjoy-

ed very much. This is Brother Johnson's second year with us, and we have learned to love him and his wife, and their little girl. We look forward to their coming each time with a great deal of pleasure. We feel that he is one of our most promising young preachers. We were also glad to have Rev. W. L. Jernigan and wife with us at this time. Brother Jernigan is also one of our home boys, and we are always glad to have him.

We are asking an interest in your prayers for our work here. We are expecting our spring revival to begin on the Fourth Sunday in April. Help us pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Jesus name,
Mrs. W. G. Wilson

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

(Continued from page three)

the parent. Only after a unified budget system of finance has been adopted and effected by the parent church will she be financially independent of her children. When this condition prevails the parent church will feel duty bound to grant her children every reasonable request for financial support. In closing let us summarize. (1) Recognition of the Sunday School as a part of the church. (2) Election of officers and teachers by the church thereby placing the responsibility of the administration and teaching upon the church. (3) Recognition by the officers and teachers of the great importance of their positions. (4) Observance of the condition of the school through the monthly report. (5) Financial responsibility of the church for the school. (6) Loyal support of the unified budget system by the school.

Next week we shall study point two—Soul Salvation.

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Micah's Vision of Peace

(Lesson for April 21)

Lesson: Micah 4: 1-5; 5: 2-5a.

Golden Text Illuminated: "And shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (MICAH 4:3).

The World War cost the nations \$186,000,000,000. This figure does not include the losses which attended the war in millions of desolate homes and industrial chaos and the rest. This one war alone cost the United States \$23,000,000,000 — a sum larger than the cost of our government for the first 120 years. From 1789 to 1920 the United States Government spent, for all purposes, \$66,000,000,000 but \$53,000,000,000 went for war. In the year 1920 eighty per cent of the total income was spent for war costs. In 1916 our government spent \$300,000,000 for national defense; in 1939 \$1,336,000,000. Instead of getting more peaceful, the world is going in for armaments in a bigger way than ever. Great Britain paid \$3,000,000,000 last year on that little item — national defense. — H. M. H.

WHEN THE KING SHALL COME

Oh, the weary night is waning,
And the clouds are rolling by,
See the long expected morning
Now is dawning in the sky,
When from Zion's lofty mountain
We shall hear the Watchman cry,
And rejoicing we shall gather,
When the King shall come.

When the ransomed of Jehovah,
From the East and from the West,
Shall return with joy and gladness
To receive the promised rest;

Then shall every tribe and nation
Out of every land be blessed,
And rejoicing they shall gather
When the King shall come!

Author Unknown

I. Home Work

1. What is said of the wicked in reference to peace? (Isaiah 48: 22; 57: 21).
2. To whom does great peace belong? (Psalm 119: 165; Is. 54: 13).
3. How do we obtain peace with God in the present age? (Rom. 5:1).
4. Upon whom must we depend for our spiritual peace? (Ephesians 2: 14, 15).
5. What power is the peace of God to have in our lives as Christians? (Philippians 4:7; Col. 3: 15).
6. How should we endeavor to live in relation with our neighbors? Romans 12: 18).
7. What is the natural man's con-

ception of peace? (Jeremiah 6: 14; 8: 11; Ezekiel 13: 10).

8. What will be men's conception of peace just prior to the Great Tribulation? (I Thessalonians 5: 3).

9. What will become of the man-made world peace? (Rev. 6: 4).

10. Who alone will be able to bring permanent world peace? (Is. 9:6).

11. Read Isaiah 11 and Zechariah 14 this week. Consult our Senior and Advanced quarterlies for help with this lesson. Also a Scofield Reference Bible is a great help in the study of prophecy.

II. Illustrations

1. "MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US"

In olden times there reigned in Persia a great monarch, Shah Abbas, who loved his people. To know them more perfectly he used to mingle with them in various disguises. One day he went as a poor man in the

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public baths, and there in the tiny cellar he sat beside the fireman who tended the furnace. At mealtime he shared his coarse food and talked to the lonely man as a friend. Again and again he visited him, until the man grew to love him. Then one day he told him he was the emperor; and he waited for the man to ask some gift from him. But the fireman sat gazing on him with love and wonder, and at last he spoke:

"You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to par-take of my coarse fare, to care whether my heart is glad or sorry. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself; and it only remains to pray that you never withdraw the gift of our friendship."—*The Evangelical Christian*.

2. REAL MUSIC ON THE AIR

During the annual Founder's Week Conference at the Moody Bible Institute, several years ago, a message was read to this effect: "I am riding down State Street listening to the messages and music of the conference over the radio in my car." Amid the hum of moving multitudes on the busy streets of Chicago, this man set his radio and heard, not the tumult of the city, but the singing of the praises of the Lord and the preaching of His Word. This makes it easier to understand how when Christ reigns as King in Jerusalem "The Law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Lord haste that blessed day!

3. WILL OUTLAST RUSSIA

Soviet mind assumes that God will not seriously concern Himself with the affairs of the Soviet Union! But God also "happens" to have a program! And the program of the eternal God does not happen to be a five-year affair. It will pursue its way undisturbed after Russia's hordes sleep in their graves in "the valley of Haman-gog" (Ezekiel 39: 11). The program of God is the program of the unending ages. No

five-year program, though all the forces of earth and hell endorse it, can even shake the Rock whereupon the Kingdom of God securely rests.

—*The King's Business.*

Notice

This is to inform the friends of the late Rev. R. F. Pittman who have obligated themselves in the matter

of erecting a suitable marker at his grave, or those who desire to have a part in the matter, or are willing to contribute to the cause, that all funds for this purpose should be sent to J. E. Wooten, Box 244, Ayden, North Carolina. You will receive receipt promptly for any amount sent.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HAM. Our hearts are heavy as we write of the death of our beloved Sunday School teacher, Mr. Owen Ham, who passed away Sunday morning, March 17, 1940. He had been ill for just about two months. Although we feel down-hearted at losing him, we know that God called him away to receive his heavenly reward.

We feel that Mr. Ham was truly interested in us, because he proved it. When we were in trouble he always helped us.

When he was called, he closed his eyes against this wicked world, and passed into the world where there will never be suffering and sorrow.

He was a consecrated Christian and a very active member of the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church.

One thing which we remember him telling us many times is "never go anywhere that you can't take Christ with you." How true this is.

We would like for all Christians to pray for us that we may keep our class as Mr. Ham would have it.

His Sunday School Class

Bring Back the Old-Fashioned Church

Bring back the old-time gospel
Where there's shouting in the pews
And a preacher preaching Jesus
Instead of chicken stews.

Bring in the Holy Spirit
Instead of barbecue
We'll have less criticism
Because of me and you.

And how about that kitchen
That looks so bright and clean
You'll find them in the basement
'Tis a modern church's theme.

Bring back the church of Jesus
To this modernistic world
He would clean these church house
kitchen's

With a simple little whirl.

Bring in the old-time people

Where they enter with a prayer
And you never heard a whisper
Nor a chatter in the air.

Bring on that "Amen brother."
With a gospel preacher, too,
And how about some singing
Instead of gum to chew.

And say I knew a teacher
In those good old days back there
He never taught a class
Until we all had a prayer.

Bring back those good old mothers
When on bended knees would pray
With the Holy Spirit working
That the Lord may have His way.

Don't think that I am knocking
But listen while I say
Let's move out all the kitchens
That the Lord may have His way.

Instead of games for pleasure
We like so much to do
Why not dust off your Bible
There is work for me and you.

It's good to build a church house
With all those shining pews
But God will never bless it
When it's built by selling stews.

We buy and sell on Sunday
And plan our barbecue's
Then after we have finished
We report our profits stews.

God give us old-time power
And those Holy Spirit Days
When all would go to preaching
In the good old fashioned way.

When those bells rang so sweetly
I can hear that village choir,
And a preacher really praying
For a church that was on fire.

R. L. Cannady

Correction

There was a slight mistake in the Orphanage Report for the Month of February. The donation from Marsh Swamp Church was \$5.00 instead of \$1.00 as shown by the paper.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Tyson, *Supt.*

Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Association met with the church at Bethel, Johnson County, on March 30, 1940 at 9:30 o'clock.

The Devotion was led by Rev. W. H. Lancaster.

There were fifteen officers present, and eleven Ordained Ministers present. Rev. Harold French was added to the ordained list.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Coats.

The reports were very good. Special music was furnished throughout the day by the Thomas quartet.

A word of appreciation in behalf of the Orphanage was spoken by Mr. W. A. Jackson. He also encouraged us to do more in the future.

After a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown us during the day, we adjourned to meet next with the church at Oak Grove, Sampson County.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, *Pres.*
Goldsboro, N. C., Route 3,
Ruth M. Warren,
Newton Grove, N. C.
Mrs. Warren Jackson,
Dunn, N. C.

Is Your Heart Fixed?

Brother church members, is your heart right with God? King David wanted to please God, and God said that David was a man after His own heart. God saw that David could be a man of great use, although he did things that displeased God, but the Lord chastised him, and dealt with him until David made a full surrender to God. He said in his writings that his heart was fixed. Yes, his heart and mind were fixed on God.

Brother, if your heart is fixed, your mind is also fixed, for they go together. You cannot fix the one without the other. The Lord wants you to go on into perfection. We notice that old Peter would stumble at times. Yes, a lot of us stumble when temptations arise, but if we

will continue to build on Christ's foundation and seek Him as we should, we will become strong, like old Peter did. Then we will have, as king David said, our hearts fixed. And as another old servant of God said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Brother, I am glad that I can say of a truth that my heart is fixed. It is my full determination, by the help of the Lord, to serve Him to the end. But don't understand me to say that I will never commit another sin, but understand me to say that the desire of my heart is to do no more sinning. My heart is fixed and my mind is fixed, and it is my daily warfare to fight sin. Paul said, "I die daily to the lusts of this world." The way I see it is, when we have no lusts of this world, we are dead. We then can be ruled by the Spirit of God. Then we will walk after the Spirit, so we become spiritually dead to the lusts of this world or the flesh. Then we set up a determination to serve the Lord regardless as to what the Devil puts into our minds through the flesh. Everyone should so get their hearts fixed on God that they will not be carried away by the Devil. Then you will be willing to walk after the light, and not stumble in the darkness of sin. But the lusts of this world will drive the Spirit of God out of you, if you will permit Satan to tempt you. You are to remember how the Devil sought the soul of Job. He will trip you too if he can get you to follow him. He is putting everything in front of you to get you to follow him, and to quench the Spirit of God out of you. Remember that the Lord wants you to work for Him, and to have your heart fixed on Him.

Brother preacher, there is not much use for you to preach the Word if you do not live the life fixed upon God. So, you should have your heart fixed, then preach and work for the Lord. The Devil will not then be following you to get you

to do his bidding. He will not be able to tear down what you build up for God.

B. E. Coxwell

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor

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God hears and answers prayers.

My Christian friends, it pays to
serve the Lord, and live for Him.
Even in the hours approaching
death, we can trust Him, and know
He has power to save, and to give
us a happy entrance into the heav-
ens beyond. Jesus has been my
friend in days gone by, and has guid-
ed me in the paths which I have
traveled. I am trusting that when
I have come to the end of the way
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An SOS from the Foreign Mission Treasury

By I. J. BLACKWELDER, 937 Seymour Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

The April salaries of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey and of Miss Besie Yeley are past due, Miss Laura Belle Barnard of India is calling for more funds and missionary helpers with which to extend the work there, and she is also due a furlow this summer—but the foreign mission treasury is *flat*. Therefore, is it not time for the treasury to send out an SOS?

At the last session of the National Association the foreign mission board presented a budget which called for \$4,000.00 with which to carry on foreign mission work one year. This budget was discussed publicly and was adopted by the Association without a dissenting vote. And though nine months have passed, a little less than \$2,000 has been received by the foreign mission treasury. So it is easy to see why the treasury is without funds with which to pay our missionaries their present salaries, saying nothing of the funds necessary to extend the work in India and in the other fields of service.

Only two of the thirteen states among which the \$4,000.00 was apportioned have paid in proportion to their apportionments. That is, only Missouri and South Carolina have paid at least three-fourths of the amounts they were asked to raise for foreign mission work from July 1, 1939, to July 1, 1940. A few other states have responded very nicely, still others have sent in part of their apportionments, while at least two states have nothing to their credit on the treasurer's record for foreign missions.

No doubt there are many excuses that could be given by those who have not responded to this work as they might have, but I dare say that there is not one excuse that will stand on that Great Day when all of

us will have to give an account of ourselves to Him Who said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to *every* creature."

Some say that they don't believe in foreign mission work, others say that there is too much home mission work to be done to do anything for foreign missions, others say orphanage work, or school work, or superannuation, or some other phase of our work is more important than foreign mission work. Well, just which of these worthy causes is most important is a question, but whether one should be neglected for the other is not a question. The National Association is sponsoring all these different phases of our work, so all of them should be supported by all of us. No one can afford to neglect either of these very important causes, for they all need and must have support if they are continued.

The writer has been sponsoring foreign missions in our national organizations for about ten years, but he is not exclusively for this part of our program. Yes, we must have a school, we must maintain orphanages, we must support home missions, we must stand behind superannuation, and we must not neglect or ignore the responsibility of giving the Gospel to those who do not have it.

If the Lord Jesus tarries a few decades yet, to-be-sure we must build a school and develop other enterprises toward which we look as indispensable to the progress of our denomination and the extension of the Cause of Christ. But if the Second return of Christ is as near as many earnest Christians and Bible students think it might be, there is nothing as important, nothing as greatly in need of our fervent prayers and our whole-hearted sup-

port, as preaching the Gospel to those for whose salvation the Lord is still delaying His coming again.

To neglect the foreign mission phase of our work is to neglect those who are without the Gospel, and who are therefore without hope of eternal life. Moreover, to neglect this important work is to neglect our missionaries who have placed their lives on the altar of sacrificial service in the foreign fields, and to neglect them financially is to cause them to suffer. They believe in us, else they would not have gone to their respective fields depending on us for financial support. And we believe in them or we would not have sent them.

Brother and Sister Willey have been hindered, but they are not to be blamed for the situation that prevents their returning to Panama. Just as soon as a door opens for them to enter, they will be glad to go back to Panama, or to some other foreign field for service. They are still in the homeland against their own will and will not remain any longer than they have to remain.

In the meantime they are trying to serve our church in the most profitable way possible. At present they are in Houston, Texas, in church extension work. At the request of the Texas people, and with the permission of myself and other board members, Brother and Sister Willey went to Texas for home mission or church extension work. We thought it would be better for them to do church extension work while they were in the States than for them to go here and there at the request of individual churches.

But whether they are at home or in the foreign field, they are here or there as our missionaries. They are missionaries of the National As-

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EDITORIAL

We are glad to call attention to two new books which the Press has recently published for the Women's Auxiliary department. One is the "Secretary's Record Book," and the other is the "Treasurer's Record Book" for the auxiliary work. They were arranged by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes of Lucama, North Carolina. Both books are well arranged for Five Year Records, and sell for one dollar each. They are well bound in Card Board covers and the titles are stamped in Gold on the front.

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It is gratifying to state just at this time that the sales of Sunday School literature for the Second Quarter have been very good. The supply, which was made some greater than that for the First Quarter, has been practically all sold to date. Second printing of several hundred copies of the Adult Quarterly had to be made to meet the orders so far, as was the case for the First Quarter in January. No little effort was taken this quarter to have on hand sufficient literature of all the departments of the Sunday School; for example, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult quarterlies. The Business Manager will be able to fill all orders that may come in late, but he is not expecting to have left over

but a few copies of any of the quarterlies. Any school or individual, not using the Adult Quarterly, and desiring sample copies may drop the Business Manager a card, and they will be sent by return mail.

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Elder E. T. Phillips is about the same as he has been for some time. He asks that his friends come to see him whenever they can do so. He likes to have company at times to talk to him. He still remains unable to sit up or feed himself because of his weak and nervous condition. He is asking the prayers of his good friends that he may get well or become stronger, if it is the Lord's will.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Justified Believer—The true believer is a child of God. Although a child of God feels very humble, and is willing, and ready to serve, he is not a servant. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3: 26). Jesus said, "I have not called you servants. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are sons of God" (Romans 8: 14). Our sonship is through *faith in Jesus Christ*. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5: 1).

The Holy Spirit—The word Ghost, and the word Spirit, means the same person, therefore, when we say Holy Spirit we are talking about the Third Person of the Godhead—the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. I make this statement, as there are people—I have actually found them—who do not know that they are the same Person. Such knowledge is

pathetic, to those who know better.

The following Scriptures declare that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14: 16, 17). Notice that Jesus says, "he," "whom," "him." Jesus would not have used personal pronouns if the Holy Spirit was not a Person. The Twenty-sixth verse of this chapter reads, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost," (King James version) or, "the Holy Spirit" (R. V.) "whom the Father will send in my name, shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." He is a Teacher as well as a Comforter. He comforts and teaches God's children.

Again we want to notice the twenty-sixth verse of the fifteenth chapter. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." Here Jesus calls him, "the Spirit of Truth." Notice that John says, (14: 26) "Holy Ghost" and (15: 26) the "Spirit of Truth." In Romans the apostle Paul speaks of the "Spirit" nineteen times. Notice that Paul does not say, "Holy Ghost" but just says the "Spirit," which is equivalent to the name "Holy Ghost," or the "Holy Spirit."

The New Testament Decent—On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came in fulfillment of the promise of Jesus. He came upon the whole body of believers (Acts 2: 1-4). After Pentecost as long as the gospel was preached to the Jews the Holy Spirit was imparted by the laying on of hands. Of course only the believers were laid hands upon. When Peter preached in the house of Cornelius, which was the opening of the Gospel to the Gentiles, the

Holy Spirit was given to the Gentiles upon the condition of faith. Peter says, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11: 15).

We want to notice that the apostle Peter was relating how these Gentiles received the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied, and we entered into the man's house: And he showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, "John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 11: 13-16). Notice that Paul combines Salvation here with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He puts them in one. Who has a right to divide them? And again Peter says that it was like what they had received as a "gift." "Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand" (Acts 11: 17)? They were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit by *Faith in the Lord Jesus*. No works, no begging, no unseemly conduct—just *faith* was all that was necessary for them. Does God change His method of saving the lost? The Bible says He "changeth not." So, we are bound to believe that God saves and gives to us every gift necessary for time and eternity as we believe His word. Thank God it is not the position that my body holds, but the condition of my heart which counts with my God my Father. I do not have to lie down, or fall down, or stand up, nor ball-up, my body to reach God. I do not have to work my mind up to a frenzied state, and to such a condition, that my body

presents itself in an indecent position to find a blessing. But, just, believe. "Be it unto you according to your faith" my Master says. Praise His Holy name.

Short Sermon

By C. J. Harris

TEXT: "*And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals; and so he did. And he said unto him; Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.*"—Acts 12: 8.

This is the angel's message to the apostle Peter while seemingly he was a helpless prisoner. Peter's hands were chained, and he was lying in a cold, gloomy prison in Jerusalem. Herod had imprisoned Peter just to please the Jews. They were extremely bitter toward Christ and His followers.

To the natural eye it would hardly seem worthwhile to pray for a sheep already dragged into a den of wolves, and lying only waiting to be devoured. But the faithful saints at Jerusalem did earnestly pray for Peter, and they had to pray secretly, too. They did not pray to be heard of men. They were afraid that men might hear. Their heart's desire was that God would hear, and so He did. For "The angel of the Lord came upon him," and a light shone in the prison, and he smote Peter in the side, and raised him up, saying "Arise up quickly, and his chains fell off from his hands."

All Bible readers know something about the bold Apostle's disposition. He was quick to speak. Sometimes he acted without mature consideration. On this occasion he would have followed the angel through the streets of Jerusalem, bare-footed and in his night clothes, if he had not kindly ordered him to gird himself and bind on his sandals, and cast his garments about him.

I, for one, do believe that all the miracles, and providences, wrought by the Lord and recorded in His

Word, are for the instruction and ultimate good of all who read or hear them.

Sometimes men who have been subject to very bad habits are, by the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, led to forsake them. They were killed to a life of sin, and made alive to righteousness and true holiness. Then they find joy in a new life. In the process of regeneration, they put on a new garment, the beautiful robe of salvation, and a new song is put in their mouth, even praises to our God. These will fight the good fight of faith with unflinching courage, and resolution to victory complete. But others have been made to weep and lament from the fearful truth that this same beloved Brother Peter tells us, that our adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

In the Garden of Eden, the Devil came to Eve in the form of a serpent. I imagine this to be his most natural form. We sometimes see him pictured as a man with horns and cloven feet. This is a mistake. A man in this form would make a frightful appearance. But the Devil never approaches anyone in a way to frighten him. He is too cunning for that. A fox takes care not to frighten away his prey. Even the lion, when he is seeking his prey, never roars at that time, but crouches and hides in the tall grass or thicket until his prey comes near enough, and then he springs upon it with a single bound. The reason why Peter calls him a roaring lion is because he roars furiously after his prey is in his power. His roaring then is but a note of victory and defiance. The Devil knew very well that he would not frighten Eve by coming to her in the form he did, because she had never then, as yet, known anything of evil. But when he comes to men now in the serpent form, he comes as a "snake in the grass."

I sometimes think that age adds shrewdness to the Devil's plans. He comes to men in so many forms and

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Worthwhile Ways of Reading the Bible

The Bible is all in all mankind's greatest treasure. A few men may have crowns, and a few may have fortunes, fewer still can enjoy either. But everyone may have the Bible, and everyone who will may enjoy it with a great happiness.

But, of course, no one can enjoy it if it stands dusty on the shelf or dusted on the living room table! It must be read. That is not only the first thing to do; it is almost the only essential thing to do. Read it.

To be sure, men have read it idly, and suddenly their spirits have been "stabbed broad awake," as they have found it speaking right straight to them. But that is no reason for reading it idly. Read it with attention.

Nevertheless, you need not make hard work of reading it. If you come to it as a task, it will likely be a task. Come to it with the spirit of Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and drank in his words; not in the spirit of Martha, who felt that a piece of work just had to be done. Read as if you were listening to the deep melodies of a great organ, and after a bit you will find your own heart singing a nobler tune. Read it as if you were looking at a great landscape of hills and valleys and plains, of mountains and snow-capped summits, with the great luminous sky over all. Soon you will begin to see the landscape of human life and destiny in truer perspective, and know what hills you must climb, and into what valleys you must descend, before reaching the heights.

Reading for the First Time

If the Bible is new to you, or if you have read it only casually, there are many places at which to start. Probably the best is the Gospel of St. Luke and the Book of the Acts. Here are the events and the Person that mark the turning point of human history. Throughout all generations since then they have set countless men and women and youth free from fear and shame and sin,

and brought them to a radiant and abundant life. To the light from these chapters the rest of the Bible contributes, and in their light it and all life are illumined. Whatever ground you traverse, this will be the peak from which you will get your bearings.

Follow with the other Gospels and some of the shorter letters of St. Paul. Then extend your acquaintance—search out the riches of the Psalms, read the early chapters of Genesis, the story of David, the pithy wisdom of Proverbs, some of the ringing messages of the Prophets, and more of the New Testament. By this time you can find your way about in this library of sixty-six books. But do not try too soon to master the whole of it; in reading the Bible, you are not cramming for an examination, but living with a friend.

The Best Open to All

As you read, imagine as well as you can the scene or the setting. Re-reading will often bring this out. The Bible is a book of life; we best understand it when we enter into the living experience it records.

Do not be disturbed if there are passages that you do not understand. You live on God's glorious earth, but He doesn't expect you to know every valley of the Himalayas or every port in the seven seas. There is nothing in the Bible essential to life's deepest joys and greatest growth, that is not open to a true and earnest heart. Come to your reading with an open mind and give the Bible its chance to speak to you. It is not simply a record; it is a message.

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Ways of Reading

When you have thus gotten the lay of the land and some insight into what the Bible is about, you will find different ways of reading and rewarding. Here are some among many:

(1) Take one book or one group of chapters and read and re-read it scores of times. "By repeated re-reading in the face of our practical problems, a book begins to live in the mind like a magnetic current. To get the benefit of the Bible, one needs not a snapshot, but a time exposure." Creative power comes, not from collecting every new idea, but from being laid hold on by great vital and enduring truths.

(2) Read it, especially the Gospels, and from the Psalms and Epistles, for the light on personal problems—purpose in life, friendships, anxiety over loved ones, financial perplexities, the guilt of sin, when tempted to do wrong. It can be marvelously helpful.

(3) Read it to find the person most like yourself, and study his experience with God and life. A brilliant woman, who became acquainted with Christ only in her mature years, compared her experience with the like experiences of men and women in the New Testament.

(4) Read the Gospels and the Acts, and, as you study each scene, think where you—caring for the things you care for—would you have been in that scene, had you lived then.

(5) Read to understand thoroughly a single character—what his motive and his hope, what his ambitions, what battles he lost and won. The Bible holds life before us so that you can see into it.

(6) Take a great word or phrase

—“faith,” “Patience,” “Grace,” “the glory of God,”—and trace its meaning through the Bible. Or take some great theme—the creative power of God what God expects of us, what help God gives us, the meaning of courage, prayer. Perchance prayer, that may seem “unreal” to you now, will become alive.

(7) Read the Bible for light on some one of the problems of the world's life—individual rights, freedom and law, the duties of nations, the qualities of public leaders, the foundations of peace.

(8) Sometime you will want to read the Bible all the way through—for what it will do for you, not for the sake of having done it. One of the busiest editors of a metropolitan newspaper remarked lately that he was reading it all the way through for the fifth time, a few verses each day. It will enrich your life as it has his.

Some Guideposts

When is there time to read it? Ay—there's the rub. Many find an early morning half hour the best; others, the quiet of the evening. The most productive reading requires a definite, regular time. But every day there are intervals which can be seized: on the trolley or train to or from work, in a bit of rest from household chores, waiting for a delayed appointment. A handy copy of a single Gospel or of other separate books or a small Testament in the purse or pocket can pack many spare moments with satisfaction.

For not a little of the Bible, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and other “helps” are of value in explaining the background. But do not let them get between you and the Bible. Use them as you would a dictionary. Note also that chapter and verse divisions, which were not part of the original text, sometimes separate what should be united.

Store up the fruits of your reading. A record of it by date and passage, perhaps with comment, will prove worth making. Summarize what you discover. Memorize great passages that help you. Why

keep in the storehouse of your mind on the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Twenty-third Psalm, learned perhaps when you were only six or eight? Add Job 38, Psalms 19, 24, 46, 91, 103, and 104, I Corinthians 13, the Parables of the Lost Sheep, the Last Judgment, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son, and St. John's Gospel, chapters 14, 18, 19, 20. There are no finer riches for the mind.

Read the Bible surely by yourself; but also seek companionship in reading. In the family, with a friend, or a group of friends, in a class, new discoveries will be made that only such reading can bring. The richest experiences of life must be shared.

When you are in sorrow, in anxiety, in fear, go to the Bible. It can bring marvelous help in life's emergencies. But it is not primarily a shelf of medicines; it is daily food for daily needs. So used it will help all the more when emergencies come, and will deepen every one of life's joys.

For, in God's providence, this is your book. Men have labored incessant hours, spent all they had, gone footsore and weary to an exile's rest, died in agony a martyr's death, that you might have it.

You will understand why when you have made it your own.

Read it. Share it.

—Anon.

—Selected by Miss Daisy Earn Davis

Gum Neck Church Desirous to Group

Gum Neck Church in Tyrrell County is desirous of entering into a grouping with the other nearby churches for another year, and locating the pastor of the group in Columbia. A committee has been appointed to learn from the other churches if such a group can be formed.

This grouping is very necessary, as the present pastors of the churches in the county live great distances from these churches, and cannot render the services needed

from time to time on the behalf of sickness, the conducting of funerals, and other necessary services which pastors should perform for their church people.

Therefore, they are hoping to be able to group the churches and locate the pastor at Columbia. We believe that it will be the best thing to do for the churches in that county, and it will be a fine situation for an alert minister and family to take the work of four churches in that vicinity.

We have advised our people at the Gum Neck Church to do this if it is possible to get the other churches to agree to group in this way. There are several fine preachers who would make the work a very great success if the group can be effected, and anyone of them is elected to serve the field. We are willing to do all we can to assist in the forward step for the welfare of these churches in that section, or community.

• R. B. Spencer,

Pastor Gum Neck Church

God Knoweth Best

The world as we take it,
Whether for good or for ill;
The path is oftentimes stormy,
Leads often up the hill.
But when we reach the summit,
And find there peace and rest,
We then forget the journey
And feel God knoweth best.

The world is as we take it,
Whether for ill or for good;
The path lies through the brambles
And often through the woods.
But if we look beyond it,
When shines the light of day,
We'll bravely journey onward,
God knoweth best we say.

The world is as we make it,
We reap both good and ill;
The seed we sow are passing,
Springs up from wood and hill
Before we reach the summit.
The flowers may be but weeds,
Unless we tread with gladness
God's path—He knows our needs.

—(Miss) Almata McLawhorn

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Two

SOUL SALVATION

By William E. Coville, CHAIRMAN,
National Sunday School Board

The pastor, superintendent, and every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Teachers shall feel and realize that their *chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ*. The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly.

In my treatment of point one, Church Control, I made the following statement: "The Sunday school is a part of the church in just as true a sense as is the Board of Deacons, the prayer meeting, or even the pastor." With this idea as a basis for discussion let us consider point two, Soul Salvation.

The mission of the church is to save the lost. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19: 10). The Sunday School is a part of the church. If we recognize this fact, we will readily conclude that the mission of the Sunday school is identical with that of the church. *The church and its every department and auxiliary should have as their ultimate objective the winning of lost souls*. The business of saving souls in the Sunday school is Bible doctrine, practical and attractive.

The Lord instructs us throughout the entire Bible to teach, teach, teach! The supreme objective is the salvation of souls through teaching and preaching. We need look for no better outline for the proper administration of Sunday Schools than the one given by the Lord in His Word.

Saving souls in the Sunday School is practical. Unsaved members learn of the greatness of God's love. They are made acquainted with the plan of salvation. They study the Bible and the *life of their teacher*.

Their interest increases from Sunday to Sunday and soon a desire for salvation is created within their hearts—the soul is saved.

Saving souls in the Sunday School is attractive. Soul winning schools are attractive. If your school is uninteresting, if attendance is falling off, if teachers are discouraged, if the superintendent has become indifferent and dejected, and if the school shows little interest in the church services, the reason for all this is that your Sunday school has ceased to be a soul saving school and as a result has lost its attractiveness.

The pastor, superintendent, and every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Such a condition should obtain in every school. *Before one can be burdened for the soul of another, that one must have had the experience of having had his own soul saved from sin*. Point eight of the "Standard" requires that all officers and teachers be Christians.

Chief objective. Teachers shall feel and realize that their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ. The teacher should enter the school each Sunday with a burning desire to witness the salvation of the soul or souls of members of the class. The prompting and predominating motive behind all socials, outings, encampments, class meeting, etc., should be the salvation of souls. Every word spoken and prayer offered by an officer or teacher should be directed toward and on behalf of some unsaved person or persons. Lord help our Sunday school officers and teachers to have a better understanding of their final and greatest objective!

The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly. If the soul-winning desire is strong in both the pastor and superintendent the same spirit or desire will prevail throughout the school. Provision must be made to care for the

results obtained by the school having a soul-winning desire. Frequent opportunities for public confession should be offered. Many churches and Sunday Schools depend on or rather limit the opportunity for public confession to the one or two weeks annual revival. Many churches have preaching services only once or twice a month and some even then do not extend the invitation to the unsaved. The ideal plan to meet the needs of the soul-winning school is the *every Sunday* plan. Brother superintendent, have you ever closed your Sunday school period with an urgent appeal to the unsaved to "Come unto Me?" Why deny lost souls the opportunity of making public confession just because it happens not to be preaching Sunday?

Real Christian officers, teachers with a burning desire to share the joys of their salvation and a plan or program which affords the lost frequent opportunities for public confession of Jesus Christ and His saving power will result in an evangelistic, soul-winning Sunday School.

Next Week—Point Three FREE WILL BAPTIST LITERATURE

Financial Report of the Tenn. F. W. B. Orphanage, Greenville, Tennessee

REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 1940
(January-February-March)

RECEIPTS CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Cumberland Association

New Hope	\$ 27.40
Cofer's Chapel	23.50
East Nashville	17.65
Ashland City	11.00
Bethel	8.00
Mt. Pleasant	6.50
Bethlehem	6.00
Friendship	4.00
Heads	4.00
Shady Grove	4.00
Olivet	3.22
Oak Wood	1.65

Total from Cumberland Assn.....\$116.92

Union Association

Harris Memorial (Orphanage) ---\$	29.50
Greenville (Block) -----	29.20
Forest Grove -----	20.00
Martin Chapel (Erwin) -----	20.00
Liberty -----	15.00
Holly Springs -----	10.25
Elizabethethon -----	10.00
Bethany -----	9.00
Wooddale -----	8.00
Mt. Carmel -----	7.20
Valley View -----	5.45
Grey Stone -----	4.50
New Liberty -----	4.50
Oak Grove -----	4.50
New Prospect -----	4.00
Eastern Star -----	3.00
Gregg's Chapel -----	3.00
Lowe's Chapel -----	3.00
Midway -----	3.00
Morning Star -----	2.28
Johnson Chapel (Powder Springs) -----	2.00
Christian Bend -----	1.25
Phipp's Bend -----	1.00
New Home -----	1.76
Joseph's Chapel -----	1.50
Central Quarterly Meeting -----	16.30
Western Quarterly Meeting -----	8.00
Eastern Quarterly Meeting -----	2.25
Total from Union Association ----	\$229.44

Out of State and Miscellaneous

Russell County Quarterly Meeting --\$	7.00
Clinch River Quarterly Meeting, Virginia -----	15.00
Whited Coal Company, Virginia -----	1.00
Marben Union, Georgia -----	1.66
S. P. Easley, New Mexico -----	2.00
A. H. Browning, Tennessee -----	4.00
A. J. Swatswell, Tennessee -----	1.00
Paul Woolsey, Tennessee -----	1.25
Sale of farm products -----	101.04
Total Out-of-State, Miscel. -----	\$133.95

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES

FOR ENTIRE QUARTER -----	\$480.31
Bal. brought forward Jan. 1, 1940 -----	68.27
GRAND TOTAL AVAILABLE -----	
FOR QUARTER -----	\$548.58

Commodities Received

Clothing, Mt. Moriah, for Dean ---\$	11.20
Clothing, Wooddale, for Maiddie -----	8.00
Clothing, Fair View, for Juanita -----	8.00
Quilt, Heads Church -----	5.00
Quilt, Post Oak Shade (Stone Assn. -----	5.00
Quilt, Missionary Society, Donde, Virginia -----	5.00
Calif, Greene Ridge Church -----	20.00
Furniture, Liberty Church -----	46.00
Furniture, Grey Stone Church -----	27.00
Total Value of Commodities -----	
Received -----	\$135.20

Disbursements

Groceries -----	\$ 39.04
Hardware (including roofing and wire) -----	41.97

Furniture -----	12.50
Feed and feed-crushing -----	46.45
Office and School supplies -----	6.73
Gas and Oil -----	56.93
Electric Current Consumed -----	16.64
Truck payments and additions to truck (rack, paint & license) -----	98.90
Labor on farm -----	4.85
Shoes and shoe repairs -----	9.63
Fertilizer and grass seed -----	16.25
Medical supplies -----	6.81
Fence posts -----	24.00
Cooking fuel -----	5.00
Toilet and Laundry Supplies -----	4.10
Playing equipment -----	7.50
Account to George D. Dunbar -----	29.50
Misc. (barber, tel., etc.) -----	5.25
Salaries (Matron, Cook and Supt.) -----	257.00
Total disbursements for quarter -----	\$689.05
Total receipts for quarter -----	548.58

Amt. due on Supt. and matron's

salaries, April 1, 1940 ----- \$140.47

Notes: Money received between April first and the date of the publication of this report is not shown in this report but will be acknowledged in the report for second quarter.

Some have sent a combination offering for the Orphanage and the New Church, "Harris Memorial" building. That sent for the Church will be acknowledged in a Church report later.

An error was made in the last Quarterly Report. Six dollars (\$6.00) credited to the Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Cumberland Association, should have been credited to Bethel Church, Ladies Auxiliary. Your Superintendent offers his apology for this error.

Prayerfully submitted,

I. L. Stanley

Today Half the World Is Again at War

130,000,000 of the best young manhood and womanhood of Asia and Europe have been conscripted, or otherwise taken, by the exigencies of war, from their harvest fields and peace-time industries. Millions have been killed. Whole populations have been deported to strange lands. Cities are darkened; food is rationed; speech, press and mail censored; fear reigns; hatred deepens.

130,000,000 citizens in the United States, protected by two vast oceans, are free from air raids and military invasion; young men are exempt from military conscription; fields and industries produce abundantly; food, speech, travel, and pleasure

are unrestricted; our commerce dominates the world markets and our profits daily add millions to our wealth as we supply the grim necessities of war for the slaughter of our less fortunate European and Asiatic kinsmen and neighbors.

Mercifully spared the crushing costs of war, do we have enough of wisdom, gratitude and spirit of the Golden Rule, to pay the price of peace?

A Golden Rule sharing not only of our war profits but of our basic wealth, in ministries of mercy to the wounded and robbed, the widows and orphans the homeless and destitute, at this great crisis in world history, would do much toward saving our own nation and the nations of the world from the recurring bitterness, hatreds, and horrors of future wars.

C. V. Vickrey

—In *The Golden Rule Fellowship*

Please! Stewardship Directors

I want all District Stewardship Directors to please send me a report of their year's work so that I may prepare my report for the State.

Any local aid having a stewardship report will please send theirs also.

Let's not fail the cause or God, but let it be known just what we have accomplished this year under this phase of the work.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen,
State Stewardship Director

Blessed are the sons of God; They are bought with Jesus' blood; They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they shall have, With them numbered may we be, Now and through eternity.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Oak Grove Aid Report (MILLER COUNTY, GEORGIA)

The Ladies Aid of Oak Grove has the following report to make thru the columns of the Baptist paper. It is a summary of the past quarter. We have been striving to do better than we have ever done. Five of our old members have been working hard not to let it go down through the cold winter months.

We have gained five new members, making now a total of ten in all. We meet once each month, and we feel that the Lord is blessing us, and I am sure He will continue to bless us, if we will continue to pray.

During the quarter we have kept report of the following activities: Money raised, \$5.25; milk given away, 6 gallons; eggs given 3 1-2 dozen; trays taken to the sick, 5; chapters read in the Bible, 201; sick visits made, 29; social visits, 34; gifts to the needy, 6.

We are sure that this is not all, but we have only the report of this much. We are small in numbers, but we are trusting that we are great in the sight of God. It is our greatest desire to do more each day and we ask the prayers of all Christian people for our future success.

Mrs. Myrtice Mock,
Colquitt, Georgia,
Box 164, Route 1

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

We held our Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. C. J. Hair. The scripture lesson was taken from the Third Chapter of Corinthians, after which the members sang a hymn "Blessed Assurance," followed by all repeating together the "Lord's Prayer."

Then the president called for old and new business which was taken up, by trying to do the things that are pleasing to God. After the business period was over, the following activities were given: members present, 8; dues paid in, \$1.30; amount of shoe money, 83 cents; chapters read, 203; sick visits, 63; trays, 16; flowers given 6; milk given to the needy, 4 quarts.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bruce Phelps on May 7, 1940. The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Alton Furlough.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, *Cor. Secy.*

St. Delight Aid Report

On the Third Sunday afternoon in March, our Ladies Aid of St. Delight Church held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Bessie Byrd. The society was called to order by the president, Mrs. T. E. Skinner. We sang the song, "Can the World See Jesus in You." Then all repeated the "Lord's Prayer." After prayer Mrs. Bessie Byrd read the seventh chapter of Matthew, and made a few remarks, or comments on it which were very spiritual.

After this we entered into the business of the Aid. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the roll was called with thirteen members present. A motion was made and carried that we send two dollars to the convention. Mrs. Edward Bowen and Mrs. Sallie Meadows were appointed as delegates to the convention.

The following is the report of what we have done since last September, 1939:

Money in treasury at that	time -----	\$10.00
Amount raised by dues -----		11.85

Birthday dues -----	3.00
Amount raised otherwise ---	12.25
Total -----	\$37.10

Disbursements

Sent to the Orphanage -----	10.00
Sent to the convention -----	2.00
Amount in the treasury now -	25.10

Number of chapters read, 616; Sick visits made, 331; trays sent to the sick, 18; floral designs, 4; milk given away, 19 gallons. We gave two Christmas boxes, one sunshine bag and one box of fruit.

We adjourned to meet next time with Mrs. Edward Bowen.

Mrs. Ray Hart, *Secy.*

Report of Auxiliary Convention

The Ladies Auxiliary convention of the Second Union of the Western Association held its semi-annual meeting on March 21, 1940, with Mount Zion Church.

From the response from the roll call of societies, there was found to be nine societies represented. One new society, which we were all very glad to have with us, represented. There were quite a number of visitors of other denominations with us. We are always glad to welcome visitors in our auxiliary meetings.

We were very glad to have had Mrs. Clarence Bowen. She gave us a splendid talk on convention work. She left with us some very interesting thoughts and we should abide by them. A picnic dinner was served on the ground by the good people of the community. At one o'clock, we assembled for the afternoon session. A specially appointed committee reported that New Sandy Hill society had won the banner for having done the most work during the past six months.

A Free-will offering of \$8.82 was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex. Our next meeting is to be held with New Sandy Hill Church. There being no further business, we adjourned with Rev. R. N. Hinnant pronouncing the benediction.

Mrs. D. O. Wilder, *President*,
Mrs. Will Tippet, *Secretary*

Our Outlook

*By James F. Miller,
Flat River, Missouri*

In my opinion the Free Will Baptist people in the United States have great opportunity, the greatest we have ever had. We have the doctrine. We have the confidence of the people in a greater measure than ever before. God is leading us into bigger and better organization. More people are acquainting themselves with our work, and are becoming more and more interested in our program.

Now, that all of this is true, we live with this great opportunity a responsibility just as great. Will the Free Will Baptist people accept a great challenge. There are people who are begging for the truth. There are a number of things in mind concerning which I desire to speak. The first of all is our educational program. Some weeks ago, a young man asked me in all seriousness, "When will the Free Will Baptist open their school?" I tried to explain to him that it takes time and patience, etc.—As soon as we have sufficient funds to enable us to open a school. Then the Free Will Baptist will open the school.

I am answering that question in an article different to the way I answered him. We will open the school when enough leaders and laymen open their pocket books wide enough to put the necessary funds into the hands of our Educational Board, and it cannot be done before. I am grateful in my heart for every person that has given any amount for this cause. The church which I am pastoring is working every Sunday. We give something and God is blessing the people. God loves the cheerful giver. May we all soon catch the spirit of giving, and give the glory of God.

I say thanks to the National Educational Board for the fine work which they are doing. Remember, we will not be long before the Nat-

ional Association will meet, and another year will have gone into the past. What have we done? What will we do from now until July, 1940, when we shall meet at Paintsville, Kentucky? Get busy, and let us not depend on our National Boards for everything. Let us remember that they are limited by us, and what we make possible for them. I should like to suggest that, if it be possible at all, that the chairman of each National Board call a Board meeting the day before our National Association meets. Since the ladies will be having their meeting on that day, and the most of us will be on the grounds, and as the moderator, I think it will be a great advantage to our work, and I am not alone on this thought. My worthy assistant, Rev. J. R. Davidson, is with me on this matter. Both of us think this is vitally necessary. Of course, we have no right to call such a meeting, but we would like to encourage it. Let us be constant and keep working, remembering that Paul said, "We are laborers together with God." The victory comes after the battle. Let us go forward and not turn backward.

An Urgent Missionary Appeal

We have just returned from Houston, Texas, where we found Brother and Sister Willey, very faithfully working to get a Free Will Baptist work established there. But it is going to take all of us to help to get the work going. We must co-operate with them in prayer and financial aid.

We learned that after talking with Bro. Willey that our Foreign Mission funds were very low. No doubt that some think that our foreign Mission funds were very low. No doubt that some think that our foreign missionaries are being supported with home mission funds, since they are doing home mission work. But this is not true.

It should be that while they are working here in the homeland, that our home funds should go to help establish a work, not only in Houston, but in any city or town that opens first, and the city of Houston has opened, and no funds available to carry on this work. So, we are asking our mission circles to send Brother I. J. Blackwelder an emergency offering as quickly as possible. We are not only asking our missionary circles, but also we are asking our pastors to give this call their attention now. Our missionaries need our help now.

It will take several weeks to put this work over in a successful way. So, let us pray and give as God leads us. Brother Willey's address is 318 Maplewood Avenue, Houston, Texas.

Yours for the cause of Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams, 3rd V. Pres.

An SOS from the Foreign Mission Treasury

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sociation of Free Will Baptists, and they are subject to our orders. And as long as they are subject to the National Association as missionaries, the National Association is responsible for their financial support. In other words, our missionaries are employees of the Free Will Baptist Church, and we as a people are nothing more or less than purely dishonest if we fail to support them.

The situation is simply and plainly this: Our missionary program and our missionaries are depending upon you and me, and if we fail them they will suffer, but their blood will be on our hands.

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shuteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him" (1 John 3:17).

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Isaiah Comforts an Afflicted People

(Lesson for April 28)

Lesson: Isaiah 40. Print Isaiah 40: 1-11.

Golden Text Illuminated: "God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

The central thought of this lesson is *confidence in God*. Israel and Judah in their exile are both represented as having lost faith in God—"My way is hid from the Lord and my judgment is passed over from my God" (Isaiah 40: 27). Their prolonged sufferings in a heathen land, caused them to think that God had cast them off (Psalm 74: 1). Now comes this message of comfort from God (Isaiah 40: 1) to *restore* their lost confidence and to convince them that God had not cast them away (41: 9). Note how, God seeks to restore their faith. (1) He inspires in them *the hope of restoration*. The herald announces that the way of the Lord is to be prepared, paths are to be made straight, for He is about to return with His people (40: 3, 4). This has a wider reference, for it is later applied to John the Baptist (Matthew 3:3; Luke 3: 4-6). (2) He reveals the *greatness of their God*. He is incomparable—"To whom then will ye liken God?" (Isaiah 40: 18). In their heathen surroundings, they would be tempted to think that paganism was more profitable than Godliness. The Prophet unfolds the greatness of God and shows how *impotent and mean is man*. Nature which is so vast, awe-inspiring to man, is so small and insignificant to God (vss. 12, 15, 22). He needed none to instruct Him (vss. 13, 14), He has no equal (vs. 25). As for

man who seems so mighty to the exiles, God has but to blow on him and he is carried away even as rubbish before the whirlwind (vs. 24). God is not worn out and weary as some may think, for He is *the everlasting God* who knows no weariness. This same God will lay bare His arm and none will withstand Him (vs. 10) and if those who have grown weary and have lost heart will wait on God, then strength will be renewed (vss. 29-31) and confidence will be restored. —A. H.

I. HOME WORK

1. Who is the Source of all true comfort? (II Corinthians 1: 3,4).

2. What is one of the precious Names given to the Holy Spirit? (John 14: 16, 26).

3. What great doctrine is specially designed to bring comfort to God's children? (I Thessalonians 4: 13-18).

4. How should Christians deal with a believer who has sinned and then repented? (II Cor. 2: 5-7).

5. What means does the Lord sometimes use to comfort His children? (Psalm 23: 4).

6. What tribute does Jesus pay to John the Baptist? (Matt. 11:7-15).

7. How did John prepare the way of the Lord? (Luke 3: 7-18).

8. In view of the brevity of human life, what is the wisest course for us to follow? (Ps. 90:12).

9. How does it affect us to get even a glimpse of the glory of the Lord, if we do not turn away from it? (II Corinthians 3: 18).

10. How great is the Lord? Ps. 145: 3). —J. C. T.

11. Read such "comfort chapters" as John 14 and Psalms 23 and 91. What other chapters, or verses, give you comfort in times of trouble? Then be sure to study the lesson material in the Senior and Advanced quarterlies for real lesson helps.

II. PERSONAL TRUTHS

1. There is no lasting comfort

but that which comes from God (Isaiah 40:1).

2. The comfort of God's people affects even the places in which they live (vs. 2).

3. The hand of God punishes the impatient, but also pardons the repentant (vs. 2).

4. God uses men who are willing to be nothing more than a voice (vs. 3).

5. If men are content to be "voices" God may use them to prepare the way of the Lord (vs. 3).

6. If we use our voices for God may enable Him to enter into our human hearts (vs. 3).

7. God's pathway is marked by the elimination of separating differences among men (vs. 4).

8. God's glory is revealed through His operations in nature, and in the hearts of men (vs. 5).

9. The brevity of man's life emphasizes the eternity of God (vs. 6-8).

10. God's greatness is revealed His gentleness as well as in the exercise of His might and authority (vss. 9-11).

11. "That Thou canst love me Thou dost,
And be the God Thou art,
Is darkness to my intellect
But sunshine to my heart."

12. God's comfort must be appropriated as one receives Christ as Saviour and permits Him to Lord of one's life. A man appropriated God's comfort by reading the Bible thus, "Ye believe in God, then believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. I go and prepare a place for you," (John 14: 1, 2).

13. "Oh the world is full of sorrow
Full of sad and weeping
Help your fallen brother
While the days are going by
—Selected.

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Short Sermon

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ays, first to delude and then to destroy that they may be called legion. ut, as Paul says, "We are not ignorant of his devices, for Satan is transformed into an angel of light."

He knows full well the weak points of every professed Christian. He brother who is fond of ardent spirits, he comes behind the deceitful, covetous smile of the liquor sinner. In this instance the order of the fable is reversed. To the brother whose weakness is adultery, he comes in the form of a harlot, "Jeweled and crowned." To the brother whose special sin has been covetousness, he comes as a good friend. He takes him by the hand, leads him to the top of some high mountain, there shows him the wisdom, beauty, and glory of the world, and pledges him the enjoyment of all this glory and power if he will but fall down and worship him.

Now, Herod was a type of this devil, and the prison in which Peter was chained is a type of the "horrible pit" into which many good-meaning Christians have been cast by him. But even for such there is quite as much hope as there was for Peter. The Lord is ever nigh to redeem and to save. But there must be a willing mind. If Peter had laid in his half-sleeping state, "Just leave me alone, I'll come after a while. I'm too sleepy to go now." What then? It would have been impossible for the Lord to rescue him, if he had not been willing to be rescued by the Lord.

Peter "was sleeping between two soldiers." Besides this, there were men stationed at the door to keep watch all night. But the Lord was prepared for every emergency. What storm can sink a ship when God is at the helm? Public sentiment was rife with malice and rage against St. Peter. But, Jehovah, the God of power was with him. And while loving hearts gathered together in secret places in Jerusalem, and made unceasing prayer for him, God in a mysterious way delivered

him from the bars of the prison cell.

The Lord did answer these prayers. He came to Peter and smote him. Whether the stroke was light or heavy is of little consequence. It succeeded in awaking him. This was its object. I think the Lord only gave Peter a slight tap in the side, because he was not hard to wake up that night. But there are so many whom the Lord has to smite very hard to stir them from their sleep. They often open their eyes in amazement and wonder why they have been so smitten. Unfortunately for some of this class, they open their eyes, but they see not; they hear, but they heed not. I think I have known a few such, and I fear the Lord said of them what He said of Ephraim, "He is joined to his idols."

Upper or Supper Room?

The early Church prayed in the upper room, the twentieth century Church cooks in the supper room.

Today the supper room has taken the place of the upper room. Play has taken the place of prayer, and feasting the place of fasting. There are more full stomachs than there are bended knees and broken hearts. There is more fire in the range in the kitchen, than there is in the pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the pulpit. Ice cream chills the fervor of spiritual life.

The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day the Holy Ghost came, they were praying in the upper room. They were not waiting on tables, they were waiting on God. They were not waiting for the fire from the stove, but for the fire from above. They were detained by the command of God, and not entertained by the cunning of men. They were filled with the Holy Ghost, not stuffed with a stew or roast.

Oh, I would like the cooking squad put out, and the praying band put in; less ham and sham, and more heaven; less pie, and more piety;

less use for the cook book, and more use for the old Book. Put out the fire in the kitchen and build it on the altar. More love and more life, fewer dinners and get after sinners. Let us have a church full of waiters on God, a church full of servers, serving God and waiting for His Son from heaven.—Selected.

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.—Isaiah LI:11.

*Cease, ye pilgrims, cease to mourn.
Press onward to the prize;
Soon the Saviour will return
Triumphant in the skies:
Yet a season, and you know
Happy entrance shall be given;
All your sorrows left below,
And earth exchanged for heaven.*

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Boys and Girls Corner

When the World Wanted to Play

"I'm tired of washing dishes, of dusting and making the beds. I'm not going to help you today, mother," said Nell. "Mary and Margaret don't do any work at home and have so much more time to play than I have. I'm going to play with them today."

"All right," said mother, "you try your own way for the day. I want none but willing helpers about me."

Nell picked up her doll and her skates and gaily ran out to join Mary and Margaret who always could play. They skated and had lots of fun until Nell fell down and hurt her knee and started to run to the house so mother could doctor and bandage it just as she always had, but she stopped when she remembered that she wasn't helping mother today and couldn't ask her to stop and bandage her knee. It would have felt better but—

"Oh, well," she thought, "it soon will stop hurting if I just go on and forget it." Turning to Mary and Margaret she said, "Let's play dolls now."

Nell's doll had pretty dresses that her mother had made for it, but the other girls had only the dresses that they could make.

"Mother hasn't time to sew for our dolls," said Mary, "she has too much else to do."

Nell thought how tired their mother always looked and wondered if she could not look better and have more time for them if they helped her sometimes as she helped her mother, but she didn't say anything because she was not helping mother now.

They had a good time, but Nell grew tired of her play long before the day was over. Of course she

wouldn't say she was not having as much fun as she thought she was going to have, since she had been the one who had thought playing all of the time would please her best.

At night when she told mother good night, she felt a little bit sorry that mother looked tired, but she went on to bed without telling her so, and after falling asleep she had a dream—

The little moon fairies said:

"We're tired of oiling our lamp and hanging it out each night. Little Nell is playing all the time, why can't we just play too?" So they didn't shine out.

The little stars said:

"We've been shining every night for years and years and we're tired, let's stop and play and not shine out tonight." What a dark night that was, without any moon and stars!

The raindrops came along and said:

"We want to play too. We've always been so busy making things grow that we haven't had time for play. Let's drop our work and join in the fun," and they didn't rain anymore.

All along the street that had been shaded with lovely green trees, there were only old stumps with dead branches. In the flower beds around the house and out in the garden where lately blooming flowers of beautiful reds and pinks, purples and gold had been, now they were withered stalks to show where they had grown.

What a strange place that was, without any green trees and growing flowers, and Nell didn't like it at all; and the darkness frightened her. Suddenly waking, she called:

"Mother, oh mother, I'm afraid!"

"I am here, darling," said mother, as she held Nell's hand in hers.

"Oh, mother! I thought you might have stopped mothering me, too,"

said Nell, as she told of the dreadful dream.

Then she told of the day spent entirely at play and of how tired play she had grown before night and she cried:

"Mother, I'm sorry you were tired tonight because I didn't help you at all. I'll help you tomorrow just see if I don't. I know now that play isn't fun if I play all the time. There is work to be done and if I don't do my share someone must do more. I guess the moon and the stars, the stars and the flowers would like sometimes to play too, but they just keep on working, knowing that their jobs must be done and nothing and nobody can do their parts for them. How bad it would be for all if they did stop their work, play."—*The Presbyterian Advance*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

CUTHERELL — On Wednesday, 31, the death angel visited Mrs. Evelyn Sawyer's home, and took away her mother, Mrs. Partheine Day Cuthrell. She was 84 years, 6 months and 22 days when she died.

She united with Pilgrim's Rest F. W. Baptist church at Deep Runn, Polio County, about 65 years ago. She labored hard and earnestly in organizing and building Spring Hope Church, which she was a member at the time of her death, serving God in spirit and truth on many good works.

Her home was always the home of God's ministers, and other Christians. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. E. Toler, B. F. Ringgold and B. W. Williams at Spring Hope Church.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

The home is sad and lonely,
And there's the vacant chair;
But Jesus knew best for her,
And He called her home up there.

Her life on earth is over,
And the life-crown has been won;
May all friends meet her in glory
When their work on earth is done.

W. R. Purifoy
Ruby Caton
Ardell Purifoy

OAKLEY. On April 1, 1940, Mr. J. K. Oakley, age 65 died at his home near Saratoga. His health had been bad for a year or more but he was confined to his bed only about three weeks. Throughout his illness his friends and neighbors were very thoughtful to his wife, and gave her all the help they could.

Mr. Oakley had been an active member of the Free Will Baptist church at Marlboro for at least 30 years. Mr. L. B. Manning preached the funeral at the home.

He was buried in the Dildy Cemetery near Fountain.

He will be missed by friends and neighbors. He left no children only a wife, who was formerly Miss Victoria Hamilton three nieces, and two nephews.

Mabel Owens

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Wed., May 15	Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret
Thur., May 16	Free Union	Carteret
Fri., May 17	St. John's Chap.	Carteret
Sat., May 18	Davis	Carteret
Mon., May 20	Beaufort	Carteret
Tues., May 21	Morehead City	Carteret
Wed., May 22	Holly Springs	Carteret
Thur., May 23	St. Mary's (New Bern)	Craven
Fri., May 24	Bridgeton	Craven
Sat., May 25	Arapahoe	Pamlico
Mon., May 27	New Bethlehem	Pamlico
Tues. May 28	Warden's Grove	Pamlico
Wed., May 29	Mt. Zion	Pamlico
Thur., May 30	Bethel	Pamlico
Fri., May 31	Oriental	Pamlico
Saturday, June 1	Trent	Pamlico
Mon., June 3	White Hill	Beaufort
Tues., June 4	Dublin Grove	Beaufort
Wed., June 5	Smyrna	Beaufort
Thur., June 6	Core Point Chap.	Beaufort
Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort
Sat., June 8	Shiloh	Beaufort
Mon., June 10	Free Union	Beaufort
Tues., June 11	Sidney	Beaufort
Wed., June 12	Belhaven	Beaufort
Thur., June 13	Union Grove	Beaufort
Fri., June 14	Union Chapel	Washington
Sat., June 15	Corinth	Washington
Mon., June 17	Mt. Tabor	Washington
Tues., June 18	Soundside	Tyrrell
Wed., June 19	Gum Neck	Tyrrell
Thur., June 20	M. lachi's Chap.	Tyrrell

Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
Sat., June 22	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
Mon., June 24	Oak Grove	Craven
Tues., June 25	Juniper Chap.	Craven
Wed., June 26	Palmetto Chap.	Craven
Thur., June 27	Macedonia	Craven
Fri., June 28	Antioch	Craven
Sat., June 29	Moseley's Creek	Craven

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If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself.
2 Timothy 2: 13.

*O my distrustful heart,
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But greater, Lord, thou art
Than all my doubts and fears;
Did Jesus once upon me shine,
Then Jesus is forever mine.*

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F. W. B. Orphanage Report for March, 1940

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Individuals	22.22
Adjustments	10.00
Total	\$1,798.71

Expenditures

Office Supplies	8.00
Salaries	256.00
Conference Expenses	20.78
Food	332.74
Clothing	83.38
Household	62.45
Travel relating to care of children	49.78
Car Payment	27.99
Hospital Bill	29.71
Education Supplies	10.75
Fuel and Lights	37.08
Farm Supplies	134.63
Replacement of Livestock	4.50

Total	\$1,057.79
Balance on hand	740.92

\$1,798.71

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$1,159.88
St. Paul Church, Sampson County	5.20
Mt. Zion Church, Nash County	12.40
Pilgrims Rest Church	3.00
Pleasant Grove Church	8.80
Core Creek Sunday School	5.25
Warden's Grove Sunday School	2.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Beaufort Sunday School	4.20
Wilson Sunday School	13.50
Alma Broughton, Teacher's Board	10.00
Cedar Hill Ch. and Sunday School	1.15
Goldsober Sunday School	6.18
F. W. B. Church at Ferry's Fork	3.35
Parker's Sunday School	4.54
White Oak Hill Church	2.00
Rose Hill Church	4.30
Winterville Sunday School	2.25
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00
Lucama Church (J. A. Evans)	1.00
Piny Grove Church, Nash County	13.25
Rains Cross Roads Church	4.44
Antioch Church, Craven County	8.50
Rock Spring Church	2.70
Juniper Church	1.80
Auxiliary Convention of the Second Union of the Western Conference	8.82
John Barnett	5.00
Rock of Zion Church, Pamlico Co.	2.75
Howell's Swamp Church	11.76
L. A. S. of Lee's Chapel Church	3.25
Lee's Chapel Church	7.12
Union Chapel Sunday School	3.16
Union Chapel	6.87
Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern Conference	25.12

Free Union Church, Beaufort Co.	12.45
S. M. Woodard	15.22
Davis S. S.	5.00
Mt. Zion Sunday School, Pamlico County	3.00
Rosalee Drummond, Jacksonville, Florida	1.00
Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference	15.00
Money from Aid Societies	387.50

\$1,798.71

Donated Commodities

Core Creek L. A. S., quilts	\$ 9.00
Free Union L. A. S., Beaufort Co. quilt	3.00
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Pleasant Grove Church, food and farm supplies	96.85
Spring Branch Church, Greene County, Corn	25.50
Jessie Rowland Brewer, Clothing	1.00
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Antioch Church Missionary Society, Household (cooking utensils)	2.75
Mt. Tabor L. A. S., Household	.60
Howell's Swamp Church, Greene County	24.10
L. A. S. of Lee's Chapel Church, food and farm supplies	22.77
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Mrs. Nancy Allen, shoes	1.00
Free Union Church, Greene Co., corn	12.50
Aid Clothing	33.99
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Robert's Grove Church, Annie Lee Pate	12.50
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Marlboro L. A. S., Bruce Hawkins	12.50
Micro L. A. S., Beadie Warbritton	12.50
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Truth Seekers Sunday School Class of Bryan, Texas, Annie Lee Bisette	11.28
L. A. S. of Kinston Church, Mary Lou Raper	3.96
L. A. S. of Deep Run Church, Irene Watson	5.00
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And faith has still its Olivet,
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THROUGH HIM the first fond frame;
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O LORD and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
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—John G. Whittier

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Letter from Strawberry, Arkansas

Dear Editor:

Thanks for continuing my
subscription to the Baptist. I am
enclosing my remittance for it in
this letter. I certainly did not want
to miss a single copy of the paper.
Also, I am enclosing an article
which I want you to publish in the
Baptist for our readers to see.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Mr. Elva Crafton,
Strawberry, Arkansas.

The best things are nearest;
breath in your nostrils, light in your
eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at
your hand, the path of God just be-
fore you. Then do not grasp at the
stars, but do life's plain, common
work as it comes, certain that daily
duties and daily bread are the sweet-
est things of life.—Robert Louis
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God's Method of Pardoning Sin

By WILLET L. MORETZ

(Radio Message by Rev. Willett L. Moretz, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Secretary-Treasurer, Foreign Mission Department of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Association, over WPTF on "Your Daily Devotional program," April 13, 1940, 7:15 a. m.)

I want to speak to you this morning on the subject, "God's Method of Pardoning Sin." In Micah 7:18 we read, "Who is a God like unto thee that pardoneth iniquity." To every sinner the subject should be one of great interest. It is surely no small question whether our transgressions can be forgiven, and the transgressor restored to the favor of God, for an affirmative answer to this question has a most important bearing on the soul's eternal welfare. If sin can be pardoned, sinners of every race, nationality and age may have the assurance of salvation. If sin cannot be forgiven they must relinquish all hope and sink into the darkness of despair. I rejoice to assure you that there is forgiveness with God. Jehovah is a God who pardons iniquities. We read in Nehemiah 9:17, "Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness."

With the assurance from God's own Word that He will pardon every sinner who comes believing and accepting Him, let us examine some of His methods of granting His pardon.

1. IT IS GOD'S PREROGATIVE TO PARDON SIN.

Let us not forget that sin is the transgression of the Law of God. To sin, consequently, is an insult to the Lawgiver. When His law is violated, the rule which God has given His creation is set at naught. It is His law for all the legislative au-

thority of the universe belongs to Him. When His law therefore, is broken, it is for Him to decide whether the transgressor shall be pardoned, and on what terms, for the judicial authority of the universe is His also. If he determines that the penalty of His law shall be executed, it is His prerogative to proceed to the execution; for again, the executive power of the universe belongs to Him.

Let us rejoice that it is the good pleasure of God to pardon sin. This is a glorious truth, and the Bible plainly declares it. I need only to refer to such passages as the following: in Exodus we read, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." The psalmist said, "There is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared." The Prophet Daniel put it this way, "To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him." Then in Hebrew we find, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." John gives us the final word with regard to this matter, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse from all unrighteousness." God is willing and anxious to pardon us, but he has certain conditions which we must meet. "If we confess our sins." There must be a willingness on our part to come to Him just as we are. There is nothing we can do but place ourselves in His hands and plead for His mercy and grace, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

How great our debt of sin was! We could never have paid the price.

We were sold under sin, but Jesus Christ bought us back to God with His own blood shed on Calvary. We can never pay back in this life what we owe Him, but the Lord has patience with us, and will forgive all our sins when we turn to Him.

2. GOD, IN PARDONING SIN, SHOWS HIS HATRED FOR IT.

God pardons sin through the death of Christ, and nothing gives us a greater impression of God's hatred of sin than does the cross. That God abhors sin is seen in His expulsion of rebel angels from His presence and the glory of His power. Because God hated sin He drove Adam and Eve out of the lovely garden of Eden for disobedience to His command and will. The same truth is taught in the multiplied miseries of our fallen world. Sin is the prolific source of these miseries, and God shows His hatred of it by attaching to its commission consequences so fearful. God's detestation of sin is expressed in the flames of hell, and in the tortures of the worm that never dies.

3. GOD PARDONS MANY OFFENCES.

God can forgive sins as numerous as the hairs of our heads, Where sin abounds He makes His grace much more abound. The atonement of Christ, which justifies the pardon of one sin, justifies the pardon of ten thousand transgressions. This fact in the dealings of God does not license to sin, nor rob Christianity of its beauty, neither is the majesty of God's law impaired, while innumerable violations of its precepts are graciously forgiven. What glorious wonders are done through the cross. Sins, few or many, can be pardoned through its hallowed blood.

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EDITORIAL

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16: 24). The person who would follow Christ must do certain things, in addition to the fact that he must cease from doing certain other things. He has to deny himself of the sinful practices which he has been indulging in as corrupt habits. His carnal indulgencies, all that would prevent him from being a true follower of Jesus, must be dispensed with outright. A change must be wrought in his heart. The former sinful habits and appetites must give way to new life and new ideals of living. He must take up his cross of Christian service, and bear it with patience. Following Christ means abiding in His love. Walking in the pathway of righteousness is living a life of denial of certain things which the Christian should freely and readily give up. The life resting in Christ Jesus is the life of faithfulness to Christ. It is a life of Christian service to God and man. A life, when separated from Satan's domination, and when it has accepted Christ as its Leader, becomes changed in spirit, in attitude, and in conduct. One cannot follow Jesus, in the truest sense, without first having been made a new creature—without having been really converted.

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"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12: 32). Jesus uttered these words to His small band of followers. He knew that they needed to be assured of God's loving care and kind protection. Jesus told them that they were to seek the kingdom first, and then other things would be given to them. They were to do the will of the Lord as the first important duty. God would provide for them the material blessings. He would see that

they should be supplied with the necessities of this life by doing their duty to Him. They were not to fear what might happen. They were not to be depressed nor over anxious concerning the things of this life. Nor were they to fear their opponents as they sought to carry the gospel. God would lead them and give them the kingdom. They were to rest content that He would reward them for their faithful services. That is what everyone should do, and then the reward shall come.

People today live under a sense of fear, or a great many do we believe. Some fear that bad luck will come upon them sooner or later. They live in dread. There are others who fear that financial disaster will befall them. Thus they live under constant worry. Still others have a dread of certain diseases, of great troubles, and of other things coming upon them. They are hardly ever just themselves. Fear has driven out of their lives the natural impulses of the heart. Fear has afflicted, in fact, many a life, and for no purpose. In truth, fear saps the vitality of the individual and renders him less capable of good work and fine fellowship. Jesus would have such people to trust in God. He would have them live lives of usefulness and service to the world, and forget their worries and fears. He would have them get busy, occupying their time in doing things for the glory of God and for the good of their fellow-man. The disciples were not to fear. The Christian now is not to fear that everything is going to utter ruin. The thing to do is to substitute loyal Christian service in the place of fear. Fear is the opposite of joy and good industry; but faith in God and happy Christian service is the hope of civilization.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Does God Send Wars?—I have talked with those who think that "God sends wars to inflict punishment on the wicked." But wars punish the righteous as well as the wicked. The Creator, God, who is perfectly good does not send wars. The Devil, the enemy of God, and the enemy of all that is good is the author of war. He started one in heaven away back in the past—we know not how long ago. God creates. The Devil destroys. God does not destroy and the Devil does not create. God allows the Devil to destroy because God allows man the privilege to follow the Devil. Man can follow the Devil at his own choice. To follow the Devil means wars. The Demon possessed Hitler is a tool in the Devil's hands to destroy human lives and that includes poor helpless innocent women and children. A brute mind in man is dominated by the Devil. Therefore God allows wars because men allow the Devil to control their ambitions and passions. Jesus denounced war. He said to Peter, "Put up thy sword."

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Will There Ever Be a Time When There Will Be no War?—Yes, there is coming a time when there will be no war. When that "Stone that is cut out of the mountains without hands" comes down and strikes the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw, on the feet and "brake" it in "pieces," then there will be no more war. Then Isaiah's prophecy will be fulfilled. "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. I believe that with the destruction of Hitlerism—and all other damnable isms of the godless, war-mongers, that Jesus Christ will set up His kingdom as described by Daniel, (Daniel 2, and 7th chapters). Read Daniel and Revelations together.

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Faith and Feeling—A great deal of stress is placed on feeling by many people. The Bible does not say much about feeling in religion. It is used in Ephesians (4:19) in connection with those who have "given themselves over to lasciviousness" and in Hebrews (4:15) where it tells us of our High-priest being touched with the feeling of our infirmities." But when people speak of feeling in religion they mean a "good feeling." However, I have noticed those people who talk so much about feeling, and I have observed that their feelings vary a great deal. So you cannot trust feelings as feelings change so often. But you can trust the shed blood of Jesus Christ. It never changes. It is mentioned in the Bible in type and reality as God's remedy for sin 427 times. Where is your faith? Is it in the blood of Jesus, or is it in feeling?

Preachers without the Holy Spirit—"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lust of the flesh, through much wantonness, those who were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption" (2 Peter 17-19).

God's Children Must Not Love the World—"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2: 15-17).

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*What thou shalt to-day provide,
 Let me as a child receive;
 What to-morrow may betide,
 Calmly to thy wisdom leave;
 'Tis enough that thou wilt care,
 Why should I the burden bear?*

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Three

FREE WILL BAPTIST LITERATURE

By William E. Coville, CHAIRMAN,
 National Sunday School Board

Free Will Baptist literature should be used in all Free Will Baptist Sunday schools. Point three of section one or the proposed "Standard" is restated as follows: "The Sunday school shall use Free Will Baptist literature throughout. If the school finds that the F. W. B. literature does not meet every need the matter should be referred to the Chairman of Literature of the National Sunday School Board."

Our own Sunday schools should use *our own* literature prepared by *our own* people. There are many reasons why every F. W. B. Sunday school should use F. W. B. literature. Let us consider a few of the reasons.

It Is Doctrinally Sound.—Pupils in Free Will Baptist Sunday schools should study and be taught the lessons that have our own doctrinal interpretations of the Scriptures placed upon them. We who claim the name of Free Will Baptists take great pride in the fact that we are *fundamental* in our belief and teaching. We frown upon and discredit the present day trend of shallow modernistic teachings. We praise God for having spared our denomination from being influenced by this false doctrine. How long then shall our present status continue? Only as long as we teach and preach the fundamental Bible truths. If we are not now using Sunday school literature edited and prepared by our own leaders, let us begin at once and not wait until a "Standard" is adopted which requires it.

It Has Educational Advantages. Each year hundreds and thousands of men and women, girls and boys, are led to Christ through the efforts of Free Will Baptist people. Many, of this great number, become members of the Free Will Baptist

Church. It is our duty, as loyal Free Will Baptists, to teach these new members the great doctrinal truths that we hold so dear. *No place in our whole church set-up can be used to a better advantage than our Sunday Schools.* Let us avail ourselves of this means of educating our members!

A Greater Demand for Free Will Baptist Literature Will Enable Our Denomination to Provide a Better and More Complete Supply of Sunday School Literature and Materials. It all boils down to the law of supply and demand. If our schools require literature that our denomination does not have, let us show the need for it to that extent that it will be provided. To quote part of Point Three, "the matter should be referred to the Chairman of Literature of our National Sunday School Board." I hope that soon our Sunday School work will be well organized and that each phase of Sunday School work will be given adequate attention.

The Exclusive Use of Free Will Baptist Literature in Our Sunday Schools Will Cause Our Future Ministers to Have More Uniform Interpretations of the Scriptures. Have you ever heard two or more very capable Free Will Baptist preachers preach from the same Scripture text and each place a different interpretation upon it? Why the difference? Well, one probably attended a Sunday school of another denomination, in his youth, and his is the interpretation that his teacher and the literature taught placed upon the Scripture. For the sake of our denomination both present and future and for the glory of God, let us get together in our Sunday schools and teach from Free Will Baptist literature and last but not least let us use *Free Will Baptist teachers to teach it.* And may I complete this thought by saying: let us provide a *Free Will Baptist College* where our young men and women may continue their Free Will Baptist training.

Next Week—Point Four
 RECORDS AND REPORTS

Letter from Carbon Hill, Alabama

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to let the people know how I am getting along. I have been stricken down with rheumatism some over five years, and have not been able to walk any since last November one year ago. I am helpless.

I surely do appreciate my friends coming to see me. Rev. J. C. Griffin and wife and three other persons, while on their way to Mississippi, came to see me in 1937. They stopped and took dinner with me. I should like for you to come again, Brother Griffin.

I do not get to go to church, and have not been able to go in a long time, but I can hear sermons over the radio. I am requesting all of my friends who see this letter in the Baptist paper to offer up to God a special prayer for me that I may be restored to health again. If it is not God's will to restore me, then I hope to be able to meet you all in heaven some day is my prayer.

Jesse W. Pike,
Carbon Hill, Alabama,
Route 2, Box 44

Report of Church Meeting

The following consist of the minutes of Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church in Michigan. The meeting came to order in the evening at seven thirty, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Brother Howard. Elder Etterbeck, being present, delivered the message for the evening. His subject was "The Master's Call." He read as his scripture lesson the fifth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel.

Elder N. P. Gates was welcomed home after several weeks' tour of Kentucky and Virginia. During Brother Gate's absence, Elder Etterbeck filled his pulpit and has done an excellent piece of work. We appreciate him very much, and he has made many friends in our community.

The business part of the meeting began with Elder Gates extending an invitation to all visitors to sit with us. Peace was called for and the church answered in peace. Then the unfinished business was next in order, and the election of a new clerk came before the Body. This had been tabled from the last meeting. Roy Pearce was re-elected to serve the rest of the year. The new business in order was that Brother C. E. Miller bought insurance on the church seats before the body, and asked that the body accept and the body did so. Then the meeting came to the close at ten p. m., and Elder Etterbeck offered the closing prayer.

Roy Pearce, Clerk
1118 E. Roberts Street,
Hazel Park, Michigan

Mizpah District League Rally

The Mizpah District League met with the Bright Light Church to hold its regular quarterly rally on March 31, 1940. In the morning Sunday School was held, and Mrs. T. H. Willey gave a very interesting message. At the noon hour a basket lunch was spread on the church lawn.

During the afternoon session several topics of interest to the young people were discussed. Mrs. Withers held a round table discussion on "Way's to Make Our League Rally More Interesting." Miss Reba Woods from Pine Prairie gave a very interesting talk on "Ways to Develop the Youth of Today." The chairman of the Camp Committee, Brother Davidson, discussed plans for the camp this year, and Brother T. H. Willey gave a short talk on Home Missions.

There seems to be more interest in the league rally now than there was in the past. We hope that in the future every leaguer will be present at all League Rallies.

Janita Manning, Cor.-Secy.

Union Meeting Report

The Union Meeting of the Third District of the Eastern Association met with Sandy Plain Church, Dublin County on Saturday, March the 30th at ten o'clock, there was praise and prayer service by the congregation and the union was called to order by the moderator and the organization was perfected by appointing the usual committees.

There were ten ministers present, members of this union.

Visitors were invited to seats with us and there were present Elder M. E. Godwin of the Cape Fear Association and Elds. W. L. Jernigan and N. B. Barrow of the Central Conference.

At the eleven o'clock hour it was moved that Elder Lloyd Vernon who was appointed at the last union to preach the introductory sermon be relieved and Elder N. B. Barrow be requested to preach in his stead which he kindly consented to do giving us a very interesting discourse.

After the sermon the union called off for lunch which was bountifully served on the yard.

After one hour for refreshments the union reassembled for business and the list of churches was called with twenty-four out of twenty-six in the list being represented with a total contribution of \$59.50 of which the union gave \$25.00 to the orphanage \$8.00 to Rooty Branch church, \$5.50 to Elder L. J. Potter for home mission work and \$8.00 to Gray Branch Church which is a new church recently organized.

It was ordered that the next union be held with Gray Branch Church and that we invite Elder J. R. Bennett to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Lloyd Vernon on his failure.

The ministerial character committee reported all ministers in good standing and it was ordered that the names of Emmett Murphy and E. C.

Beard be placed on the list of licensed ministers.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kindness towards us during the sitting of this union and then by motion we adjourned till next time in course.

S. W. Jones, Clerk

Regarding Radio Bible Institute

No doubt many read the article recently by Rev. D. A. Windham regarding the Radio Bible Institute to start soon over Radio Station WGTC in Greenville. Some several have responded to Brother Windham's requests for expressions of interest, but an even greater response would be very helpful at this time. The schedule is now being worked out for the station, and time is being assigned the various programs according to the interest manifested by the public.

We have registration blanks available now, and these will be mailed to all who request them, but I am going to suggest that those who read this and who live within 75 miles of Greenville, North Carolina do not wait for blanks, but if you are interested in this opportunity to put some of our Free Will Baptist talent on the air, and at the same time give the benefit of a Bible Course to many who otherwise would be deprived of it, copy the following on a postal card and send it in so that we can have more to "stand on" when we meet with the program manager to discuss the time for the class periods: "I will be glad for you to enroll me as a student of the WGTC Bible Institute, and will tune in as often as I can for the class periods in order that I may be benefited by the instruction given. Be sure and sign your name, and give address and church. Address your card to:

L. E. Ballard, Secretary,
WGTC Bible Institute,
Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

Home Coming Day at Pleasant Grove Church

Home Coming Day will be observed First Sunday in May, at Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County.

All former pastors, members and friends are invited to come and enjoy the day with us.

By the Committee

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me.—Rev. 22: 112.

*A few more rolling suns, at most,
Will land me on fair Canaan's coast,
Then I shall sing the song of grace,
And see my Saviour face to face.*

Prepare to meet thy God.—Amos 4: 12.

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The design of the game is to have the contestants win by the highest number. Marked cards have been provided by the figure 5 in red. When all the cards have been played, individual players or partners are given credit accordingly. The player receiving the first three hundred count wins the game.

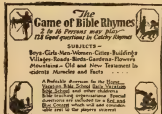
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is so named because it is a combination of "Quotation" and "Lotto" and is played somewhat like the latter, but with important and very interesting differences. There are 15 large cards (4½x7 inches), each printed in a different color, making the outline on the playing very attractive to the players. Each player is given one of the large cards (printed on the small covering cards, and the other players try to complete the quotation, from the larger cards. Then the smaller card is placed face down on its question, making a blank where there had been a half-finished quotation. The Scriptural reference is cited with each quotation. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

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consists of 128 interesting questions about Bible boys, girls, men, women, cities, buildings, villages, roads, birds, gardens, flowers, mountains, facts, incidents, and miracles. These questions are printed on small cards (1½x2 inches), which are to be read by a leader. Also there are 16 larger cards (4½x7 inches), each having eight of the answers printed on them. The game is played like Bible Lotto, but the questions are different and the method of asking them in short catchy rhymes adds novelty and excites alert interest.

An example:

"A ruddy shepherd lad
Five tiny pebbles had
With them, Goliath vanquished."

Each answer is self-verifying, making dispute impossible. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

The Leaguer's Corner

CLARENCE BOWEN, *Editor*,
2513 CLUB BOULEVARD,
Durham, North Carolina

In 1934 the State League Convention met in Ayden, N. C. Since then it has not met in Pitt County, but in July we have the privilege of convening with the church at Reedy Branch, near Winterville. We shall once more experience the graciousness of Pitt County Christians.

We are happy to be able to meet with the leaguers at Reedy Branch and from the time of the kind invitation given by the pastor, Rev. Chester Pelt, we're sure their hospitality will be unexcelled.

Begin now to make your plans to attend the July session of the League Convention of North Carolina and meet your friends and make new ones with the Reedy Branchers.

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Already many are definitely planning to attend Camp Leach in August (4-10). What about you? Write to me for registration blanks now. You cannot begin too soon.

Goodbye.

Is Your All on the Altar?

By Mrs. C. T. Adams

An article in our Baptist, especially appealed to me, and was written by Mrs. Powell. She testified that she gave up all for Christ, among the things was "forms of fashion." All of us as Christian women know what these forms are, and I am often made to wonder why we do not have the courage to testify that we are able to give all of self to God. Some do, but there are those who are not willing to dress as a Christian woman should, because they have not seen themselves just as they are. God's word teaches us that we should be different from the women of the world and if we are

not obedient that His wrath will come upon us. All through the ages from Solomon, the moral and immoral woman has been looked upon by her forms of dress. Today our moral women have taken up the style and false impressions.

Solomon warned his son of the woman who dressed in the forms of fashion and I sometimes wonder what he would think if he were here to watch our professing Christian women of today. He would have good reasons to lose his faith in womankind. Today is the day for us to lift up a higher Standard for Christian living, to forsake the forms of fashion and be clothed in the righteousness of God. When He calls us He will not give us time to paint our face and have our hair curled.

God's word teaches us to come out from among such and to be separate or different. We can and should, if we are to live for Christ. His love is worth all forms of worldliness. He can give us rosy cheeks as we do for Him, and rosy lips that will tell of His wondrous love. Things of this world are all vanity and we must leave them all behind to face a Holy God. If we as Christian women, and do not soon awaken to this fact, we are going to find ourselves weighed in God's balances and found wanting.

I quote from Moody:—"Many take fashion as their God. They give time and thought to dress, they fear what others will think of them. Do not let us flatter ourselves that all idolaters are in heathen countries. America is full of them. I wish to say that if anyone is interested in the forms of modern dress, write to Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois for free pamphlets. They are full of amazing advice and we as professing Christian women certainly do need to know what our Bible teaches, from one of the world's greatest Bible teachers, D. Moody."

"Jesus Wept While Peter Slept"

Jesus wept while Peter slept. What are we doing? Peter, James and John were to watch while the Master went a little further to pray, but their eyes became so heavy they fell asleep. You and I are His watchmen, and if we are His children will we sleep while the enemy of our boys and girls come and lead them astray by the hundreds, down the broad road to destruction. Jesus said for us to watch as well as pray. We should watch the enemy of our souls.

On the day that Jesus was crucified a great company of people bewailed Him, but Jesus turning unto them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children," Luke 23: 28. Jesus was weeping for you and me, He was weeping because of our unbelief. Jesus will not weep anymore here in this world for you and me, but we are going to weep some where perhaps here in this life either for ourselves, our children or our loved ones. If we fail to weep in this world we are going to weep in the world to come because the Holy Bible tells me that there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth for the rocks and mountains to fall on them.

I'd rather be persecuted and have the finger of scorn poked in my face, and had rather weep here in this world than in the world to come. I believe all Christians ought to be weeping here for the lost souls, because when we look at the boys and girls, men and women going down that broad road who are going astray, without hope or without God, are we weeping for them? We see another crowd going marching down the same road, people that are church members who goes to the whiskey joints, dance halls, bathing with just one thin garment and go in pools where men and women are bathing together and they call themselves Christians. "God forbid." Is such Christ-like? No that is not Christ-like. Jesus is our example,

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He teaches us to "shun all appearance of evil." Are we going to such places or are we shunning such places. God's Holy Word teaches us if we love the world and the things that are in the world the love of God is not in us. Read I John 2:15.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, are we weeping for the many souls that are lost all around us. All this host of people we see going the broad way are some mother's children. May God help you and me to do our best to live and lead a life that will be acceptable with our Lord and Master.

When Jesus walked and talked with men, He was accused of many things, yet He opened not His mouth. When He hung on the cross He prayed for His enemies, He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Just as He was dying He said "it is finished" and He gave up the ghost.

J. C. Bush, Sr.
Colquitt, Georgia

Home-Coming Day at Aspin Grove

There will be a home-coming day observed at Aspin Grove Church in Wilson County on the Second Sunday in May. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled basket of good things to eat.

All former pastors, friends and

members of the church are requested to be present and enjoy the day together.

Rev. L. B. Manning, *Pastor*

*When overwhelmed with grief,
My heart within me dies,
Helpless, and far from all relief,
To heaven I lift mine eyes.*

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Address	_____
Is this person	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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How long has been	_____
Since 1900	927

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I WANT to be helped in the work of the church. To this end I offer my services in the capacity stated below:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Layman
<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school	<input type="checkbox"/> Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Address	_____
Since 1900	928

No. 928.—Individual Enlistment Card. Secures volunteers for service in every department of church work. Fine for use at close of revival or on "Enlistment Day."

Report of Carteret County Union

The Carteret County union meeting met with the church in Beaufort on March 30, 1940. The services were opened with song and prayer. The program for the day was as follows: Rev. W. E. Anderson to conduct the devotions; Mrs. Cancy Springle to deliver the welcome address; Rev. K. W. Gaskill to preach the introductory sermon.

After the lunch hour we assembled to transact the business of the union. A song was sung and Mr. Leslie Styron led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll was called. Then the reports from the churches were considered. The treasurer made his report. The Sunday School committee made their report. We had some special music by Mr. Leslie Styron, his daughter and son. The temperance committee made their report. The union received \$29.10.

Mrs. W. F. Purifoy, *Secy.*

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Address	_____
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No. 930.—Pastor's Information Card. Can be used by church members in giving information to pastor about new prospects or indifferent church members; or by pastor in making assignments for calls.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Please! Stewardship Directors

I want all District Stewardship Directors to please send me a report of their year's work so that I may prepare my report for the State.

Any local aid having a stewardship report will please send theirs also.

Let's not fail the cause or God, but let it be known just what we have accomplished this year under this phase of the work.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen,
State Stewardship Director

The Women's District Auxiliary Convention of the N. C. Central Conference

The Women's District Auxiliary Convention met at Piny Grove on March 27, 1940, for the semi-annual meeting with a large delegation present.

Rev. M. A. Woodard conducted the devotional service.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Willey Crawford with Mrs. S. T. Parish responding.

There were 33 societies represented and the 4th Union District also. A few of these were by letter only. The total contributions sent to the convention were \$51.05.

During the business period the delegates gave interesting oral reports of the work of their local societies. The vice presidents were

present and gave their reports. It seems that the societies are negligent in sending in their reports which makes it impossible for the vice-presidents to give a complete report; however, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, 5th vice-president in charge of the Orphanage and Superannuation, had a grand report to make. In order to do this she wrote to each society and asked for their report. Let us bear this in mind and hereafter all of us send in our reports to the proper person before the convention meets.

Rev. R. B. Spencer delivered the convention sermon using as his theme, "The Wonderful Christ."

There were only two contestants in the Stewardship contest—a junior and an intermediate—Melvin Wray Jones and Gerald McCoy of Hull Road. They will represent the Central District at the State Convention.

Rev. Loy E. Ballard showed pictures of the Life of Christ, which the convention felt very grateful for.

Solos were rendered by Mrs. J. C. Moye and Linda Lee Jones.

The following officers were elected for 1940-41:

President ----- Mrs. Joe Barber
Secretary ----- Mrs. E. L. Dail
Treasurer ----- Mrs. N. A. Clark
1st V. Pres. Miss Elizabeth Warren
2nd V. Pres. Mrs. Luther Stanley
3rd V. Pres. Mrs. L. E. Ballard
4th V. Pres. Mrs. Gilbert Jones
5th V. Pres. Mrs. J. C. Moye
6th V. Pres. Mrs. Carl Barrow
Field Worker ----- Mrs. J. P. Barrow

An offering was received for the Orphanage amounting to \$15:00.

A rising vote of thanks was ex-

tended the church and community for the bountiful dinner served and the kindness shown the convention while in session with them.

We were dismissed with prayer to meet again in September at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Carl Barrow, *Secy.*

Aid Society Report of Goldsboro Church

The society of the Goldsboro Church held its meeting on March 8 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Malpass with 21 members and three visitors present. Mrs. Charlie Strickland, the president, called on the pastor, Rev. C. B. Thompson to offer prayer. Mrs. J. M. Mitchell conducted the devotions. She talked on the subject, "Risen with Christ." Miss Olivia Ferguson gave a quiz on St. John, which was enjoyed. Mrs. C. H. Bowles gave a reading on "Stewardship." Mrs. T. E. Beamman was elected for our delegate to our District Convention which convened at Shady Grove Church.

We decided to invite our adopted daughter, Catherine West from the Orphanage, to spend a week-end with us so we could fit her with spring clothes.

We have changed our year to harmonize with our State Auxiliary Convention, which begins in May. We, therefore, elected and re-elected officers as follows: Mrs. W. B. Crumpler, President; Mrs. W. J. Hinson, First Vice-President; Miss Olivia Ferguson, Second Vice-President; Mrs. W. E. Hollowell, Third Vice-President; Miss Margaret Morris, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. J. L. Braswell, Fifth Vice-President; Mrs. T. E. Beamman, Sixth Vice-President; Mrs. Charlie Malpass, Treasurer; Miss Hazel Whitley, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for Six Months
(Oct. 1939—March 31, 1940)

Dues collected ----- \$23.50

Special donations -----	21.55
Total -----	\$45.15

Disbursements

Paid on telephone -----	\$ 9.00
Paid on church -----	4.95
Paid on Building Fund -----	18.15
To the Orphanage -----	4.07
Paid to Associations -----	3.25
Cards and postage -----	1.25
For flowers -----	3.50
Balance in the treasury -----	.98

Total ----- \$45.15

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. B. Crumpler, *Treas.*

Report of Northeast Aid Society

Our Aid members met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon of March 15 in the home of Mrs. R. C. Proctor. The president called the meeting to order, a song was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Mary Parker. The Scripture lesson was taken from Colossians 3: 1-2. It was read by Beatrice Farmer.

The lesson topic was "The Risen Lord." It was discussed by Misses Essie and Aleen Jackson. Our pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin, also commented on the lesson. Following the roll call and reading of the minutes, the society entered into the business session. A report was made by the delegates to the Eastern District Auxiliary Convention. The society decided to clothe one child at the orphanage.

Plans were made to sponsor a movement to provide new pews for the church. The various members reported 180 Bible chapters read, 38 sick visits made, 2 funeral designs given, 5 gallons of milk distributed, and 4 subscriptions secured to the Baptist paper.

There were 21 members present, and we were happy to welcome three visitors with us. The meeting adjourned to meet on May 13 with

Mrs. Patrick Farmer. During the social hour the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Beatrice Farmer, *Secy.*

Letter from Horney Heights Ladies Aid

Dear Mrs. Lupton:

I am sending you a report of the last Meeting of the Horney Heights Ladies Aid society. We have meetings twice each month. We met on February 20 at the home of Mrs. James Conner, and eleven members were present, including one new member.

The president, Mrs. L. W. Bugg, called the meeting together, a song was sung, and Mrs. Harris led us in a study of the fourth chapter of Daniel. In the business part of the meeting we decided to have a special fund for our adopted child at the Orphanage. We started a birthday offering. The society is planning to do some special service work each month.

After all of the business was attended to, we adjourned the meeting in a word of prayer. During the social hour delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. J. R. McBee, *Secy.*

Aid Report of Pleasant Hill Church

We wish to make the first annual report of our Ladies Aid Society of Pleasant Hill Church.

Members on roll -----	27
Active Members -----	25
Chapters read in the Bible -----	5481
Daily Bible readers -----	4
Sick visits made -----	456
Flower designs given -----	68
Funeral designs -----	2
Milk given away (quarts) -----	507
Trays given to the sick -----	104
Money raised from dues -----	\$32.50
Money raised otherwise -----	22.15
Birthday dues -----	7.20

Money paid on the church --	21.50
Money paid for funeral designs -----	3.00
Money sent the Orphanage -----	3.00
Money sent to the Convention -----	2.70
Money now in the treasury -----	7.32

Our society meets monthly in different homes. We are asking the prayers of all Christian people that we may do more and better work this year.

Mrs. Dessie Stanley, *Secy.*

Notice to Auxiliary Presidents

As I am to have charge of the Memorial Service for our deceased members at our State Auxiliary Convention which meets in Bladenboro in May, I am urging that each Ladies Aid or Missionary Society in the State that has lost a member during the year by death to please write to me at once, giving name of the deceased and the church with which she is affiliated.

It is very necessary that I have this information as early as possible so that each name can be placed on the "poster" before our Convention, otherwise it will be too late after we reach the place of meeting.

Presidents, please have this attended to right away and let us be praying that the Holy Spirit shall direct us in all of our deliberations.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
35 Hancock Street,
New Bern, N. C.

Report of Auxiliary Convention

The Twenty-Second Session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of Western Association, held its regular business meeting with Union Grove Church, Wayne County, April 3, 1940.

The Theme of the Convention,

"Deepening the Spiritual Life," predominated throughout the day.

Opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. L. H. McDade, using as a text, 1 Corinthians 2: 9-16: "What is the Spiritual Life?" Address of Welcome by Mrs. Floyd Morris and response by Mrs. W. L. Wall. Scripture lesson, Romans 12:1-2, was read by our president, Mrs. Clarence Bowen, followed by a few remarks. Reading of minutes and roll call, appointment of committees. Remarks by our State President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, relative to the State work. Remarks by Rev. J. R. Bennett relative to a National School and by Miss Leah Fleming, on a school for F. W. B. young people.

The morning message, "Deeper Spiritual Life," was delivered by Rev. J. A. Evans.

After a refreshing lunch hour, Mrs. Raymond Sasser led devotions—"What Price Deeper Spiritual Life." Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Stewardship Director, had charge of the Recitation contest. There were 17 contestants; 8 Juniors, 9 Intermediates. Miss Jane Smith, Union Grove, won first place for the Juniors and Miss Mary Ellen Fields, Pleasant Grove, first place for Intermediates.

Mrs. D. O. Wilder led the Memorial service and at the close she presented a basket of flowers to Mrs. Styron, to be placed on the late Rev. S. H. Styron's grave. Not any of the societies reported a death during the year.

Four young ladies from the Orphanage rendered several songs interspersed with readings by each.

Final words and adjournment, to meet next April with Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County.

We had a very inspiring and beneficial Convention.

The following officers were re-elected:

President, Mrs. Clarence Bowen; First Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Goldsboro, N. C., Route 2; Sec-

ond Vice President, Mrs. L. M. Ausley, Micro, N. C.; Third Vice President, Mrs. Deanye O. Morris, Fremont, N. C.; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.; Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Hardy Talton, Pikeville, N. C., Route 3; Sixth Vice President, Mrs. Etta Frost Renfrow, Wilson, N. C. Route; Field Worker, Mrs. Major Williams, Princeton, N. C.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Styron, Pine Level, N. C.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant,
Micro, N. C.

Announcement

We of Smyrna Church at Blounts Creek wish to announce that we have recently organized a Sunday School. It meets at ten o'clock a. m., and we are inviting everyone who will to come to take part with us in the Sunday School work.

Dalton Bell

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Isaiah Gives God's Invitation

(Lesson for May 5)

Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1-11.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon him while He is near*" (Isaiah 55: 6).

In this text we are reminded that God is near. A number of years ago I was conducting a funeral service. I found a very restless group of people. At the close of the message I began singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," and noticed that immediately the folks became quiet. I asked those who wanted to sing with me to join me on the second verse, but none did. In my closing prayer I thanked the Heavenly Father that

He was with us, and that He had sent the Lord Jesus to take away our sins, so that those sins would not keep us from God. I also recited,

"Near, so very near to God;

I cannot nearer be.

For in the person of His Son,
I'm just as near as He."

God urges every one to seek, call and come immediately, personally, definitely, publicly and sincerely for salvation. Sincerity is proven by true repentance. Repentance is turning from sin to God. God assures His readiness to save when anyone comes. An infidel printed above his bed the words, "God is nowhere." On his deathbed, he asked his little daughter to read the words. She mistakenly read, "God is now here." His eyes filled with tears. He confessed Christ as Saviour.

God's salvation, if not accepted, is rejected. A little fellow, asked what right he had to enter an orphanage, showed his coat and said, "These rags." One, accepting God's statement that his righteousness is filthy rags before Him (Isaiah 64: 6), and trusting in Christ as Saviour, accepts God's salvation.

I. HOME WORK

1. What very appropriate figure of salvation did Jesus use in talking with the Samaritan woman? (John 4: 14).

2. What great spiritual blessing is likened to rivers of living water? (John 7: 37-39).

3. To what article of food did Jesus liken Himself? (John 6: 33-35).

4. Why is it impossible to buy spiritual blessings? (Romans 5: 15, 16, 18; 6: 23).

5. How important is the hearing of the Word of God in the work of salvation? (Romans 10: 17).

6. How long will the mercy of God last? (Psalm 89: 28; 103: 17; 136).

7. What promise is given to those who call on the Name of the Lord? (Acts 2: 21; Romans 10: 13).

8. What will the outward in-

dication of our inward turning unto the Lord? (Is. 55: 7; I Thess. 1:9).

9. How exalted is God's plan of salvation? (Is. 55: 6-11; I Cor. 2: 9, 10).—J. C. T.

10. How many great invitations can you select from the Bible? How many of these are from the Old Testament? How many from the New?

11. Read Luke 15 if possible. Be sure to study the helps in our Senior and Advanced quarterlies. You will enjoy the feast.

II. ILLUSTRATIONS

A *Free Ticket for All*—"Well, I cannot understand why a man who has tried to lead a good moral life should not stand a better chance of Heaven than a wicked one," said a lady, a few days ago, in a conversation with others about the matter of salvation. "Simply for this cause," answered one: "Suppose you and I wanted to go into a place of amusement, where the admission was a dollar; you have half a dollar and I have nothing. Which would stand the better chance of admission?" "Neither." "Just so; and, therefore, the moral man stands no better chance than the outbreathing sinner. But now suppose a kind rich person, who saw our perplexity, presented a ticket of admission to each of us at his own expense, what then?" "Well, then, we could both go in alike; that is clear." "Thus, when the Saviour saw our perplexity, He came, He died, and thus obtained eternal redemption for us, and now He offers you and me a free ticket. Only take good care that your half dollar does not make you proud enough to refuse the free ticket, or so be refused admittance at last."—*Sabbath Reading.*

Gospel Bells. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55: 1).

These Gospel bells, like those around the high priest's garments, are bells of invitation. When the

Jews heard the clash of those bells in the hem of the priest's robe, they knew it was an invitation to worship. That is the meaning of every church tower, from San Francisco to New York, and from London to St. Petersburg. It is "Come, come!" The word "come" occurs six hundred and forty-two times in the Bible. It is "Come to the supper"; "Come to the waters"; "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come". Through all sorrows, through all trials, through all nights of darkness, through all calamities, through all temptations, it rings out—"Come! Come! Come!"

—*TAKEN FROM SERMONS BY T. DE WITT TALMAGE.*

God's Method of Pardoning Sin

(Continued from page three)

4. HE PARDONS THE VILEST OF SINNERS.

God often pardons the vilest of men. He lets the world know what His grace can do. No man, no matter how mean, low and debased, it is too hard for God. No soul is too blackened with sin but that the blood of Christ can cleanse it. Manasseh, who made the streets of Jerusalem flow with blood, when humbled by affliction, sought the Lord, and doubtless obtained His pardoning mercy. Mary Magdalene, out of whom Christ expelled seven devils, received forgiveness. Pardon was granted to the penitent thief while suffering the agonies of death, and his soul soared to paradise. Saul of Tarsus, whose heart was so inflamed with animosity against the followers of Christ that his very breath was represented as "threatening and slaughter," committed to the pages of inspiration these words, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Yes, my friends God pardons the vilest of sinners.

5. GOD PARDONS MULTITUDES OF SINNERS.

The glory of God is manifest in

the pardon of countless myriads. The salvation of every sinner glorifies God. What a view this gives of the atonement of Christ! In providing for the pardon of one sinner, it provided for the pardon of sinners the number of whom the science of numbers cannot compute. The atonement of Christ would have been indispensable to the salvation of one sinner while, through its rich provisions, innumerable millions may be saved, for our God pardons multitudes of sinners. He will save all who will come to Him. Will you come this morning?

It would be awful to die unpardoned—to be condemned at the judgment, and then to suffer the torments of hell through the endless ages. Every sinner, remaining impenitent, has this doom before him. Won't you seek God's forgiveness of your sins now?

Notice!!

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Boys and Girls Corner

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"Elton Tilton is just the bravest boy you ever saw, mother," said Winfred. "One day a big dog came along with his tongue hanging out, and we thought he was mad and scrambled over the fence; but Elton walked right along as calm as ever. He says he isn't afraid of bears or tramps or anything. I wish I were as brave as Elton, but I'm afraid I never will be."

"I heard a story about two boys the other day," said his mother, "and I thought one of them was very brave. They went to school together, and one day they thought it would be great fun to hide a frog in the teacher's desk; but the frog tipped over an ink bottle and spoiled a number of examination papers and other things, and the teacher was very angry. He asked the guilty boy to own his fault like a man and take the punishment he deserved. He put him upon his honor, you see. Well, the older boy, who found the frog and first thought of the joke, sat still in his seat without a blush; but the little boy, though he trembled with fear, went to the desk before the whole school and owned his fault. And he sat for an hour on the dunce's stool, a target for fifty pairs of eyes."

"O mother," cried Winfred, "I was so ashamed! I'll never do anything so mean as long as I live. How did you know?"

"I heard two boys talking about it as I rode in the car. I was proud of my boy, Winfred; and I pitied Elton Tilton's mother, for I said to myself: 'My boy was brave, but her boy was a coward.'"

"Why, I never thought that was being brave!" said Winfred.—*Youth's Companion.*

The Performing Dog

By Giralda Forbes

I watched a small performing dog,
A little frightened pup,
That missed a hoop, and whimpered
when
His master took him up.

And that sidelight revealed how
near

Our pleasure is to pain—
The little dog was beaten so
He would not miss again.

But if we did not find it fun
To see dumb creatures do
The silly things that surely God
Did not intend them to,

They would not have to toil in fear
Their daily bread to win,
For showmen do not teach dogs
tricks
That bring no money in.

—Our Dumb Animals.

A Fine Revival

Revival at Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church, East Rockingham, North Carolina, was a great success. The meeting began Sunday night March 31, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, delivered the message to a large congregation, and the first night we knew our meeting would be a success, for surely he was a real spirit filled Bible preacher. We feel that our Church has been benefitted much by this meeting. We had service each night thru the week and closed the meeting Sunday night April 7 with communion service and feet washing.

We had to use chairs from the Sunday School rooms in order to seat the people. Had some old time shouting, too. There were twelve conversions and six united with the church, the members of which were proud to receive. Everyone who heard Brother Griffin was benefitted much, we are sure. We hope we will

have the pleasure of having him come back here for another meeting sometime in the future. Pray much for our church that we might carry on the work of the Master.

Mrs. Walter Carter,
Rockingham, N. C.
P. O. Box, 261

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He was born on May 12, 1882 and died on November 22, 1939. He united with Watery Branch Church in early life, and was a faithful member until death. He was stricken down and could not go, but would send for his pastor to come and preach for him at his home.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and eight children, four boys and four girls. He had five grandchildren.

He is gone and how we miss him,
Dear friend you do not know;
But Jesus called him home,
So, from us he had to go.

We loved him, yes, we loved him,
But Jesus loved him best;
And he has taken him out of his
suffering
To dwell in peace and rest.

He is out of all his sorrow,
Out of all his pain and woe;
No more of trials and troubles
Will our dear daddy ever know.

By wife and children

Why should I complain
Of want or distress,
Temptation or pain?
He told me no less;
The heirs of salvation,
I know from his word,
Through much tribulation
Must follow their Lord.

Letter from Alabama City, Alabama

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I have just subscribed for the Baptist. I had no idea how much fellowship I was missing. I enjoy every line of it, the good sermons especially, and the Notes and Quotes by Brother Griffin. I am very glad to see the good reports of the Ladies Aid Societies.

The tri-cities, Godsens, Alabama City and Attalla, Alabama, are beginning a simultaneous revival. Almost every church of every denomination is co-operating. The Second Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City has secured Brother Martin from North Carolina to do the preaching. We are asking every one to pray that God will send us a great heart stirring revival beginning April 14.

Yours for lost souls,

Rev. B. L. Colley, Jr.,
Alabama City, Alabama

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Wed., May 15	Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret
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They neither sow nor reap,
Nor do they gather into barns
Store for their winter's keep.
Yet every one thy Father feeds,
And should He pass thee by?
Does He not know His children's needs,
Nor heed them when they cry?

BEHOLD the lilies as they grow,
They neither toil nor spin,
Yet human ne'er robes as fine
As God hath clothed them in.
Could He, who clothes the fragile flow'r,
Forget to clothe His own?
In faith lay hold upon his pow'r,
To Him thy cares make known!

SEEK not what ye shall drink or eat,
Nor be of "doubtful mind,"
Such is a hopeless world's conceit,
Ye have a Father kind!
Seek ye the Kingdom of the Lord
And seek His righteousness:
With all good things, so says His Word,
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Announcement

By request of the pastor, Rev. Chester Pelt, and, if Providence permits, the writer will preach a sermon on "Feet-washing" as a religious rite in connection with the Communion Service, in Reedy Branch Church, at the usual hour, on Saturday night before the First Sunday in May. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

C. J. Harris

Everything in the world may be endured, except only a procession of prosperous days.—Goethe.

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An Appeal for the Cause of Missions

By REV. T. H. WILEY

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Peter 4: 10).

Only when we understand how deeply God loves us, and what His Spirit can mean to people today, will we be able to care in any deep sense of the Word. When we really care for the Divine cause, we are impelled to express both our love and our loyalty in every way possible. Once, when Andrew Fuller was in his native town, trying to collect funds for the cause of missions, he called upon an old acquaintance. In response to Fuller's appeal, the man said, "Well, Andrew, I will give you five pounds, seeing it is you." "No," said Mr. Fuller, "I cannot take anything for the cause, 'seeing it is for me,' and handed the money back. Feeling he was justly reproved, the man hesitated a moment and then said, "Andrew you are right, here is ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus." His larger gift came from his heart! Quotation from The Upper Room.

"For we are labourers together with God" (I Corinthians 3: 9).

"We then, as workers together with him beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." (II Corinthians 6: 1).

Here clearly we have stated the position of every true believer in the task of pointing a lost world to an only Saviour. God has taken us into partnership with him in this task. If there is ever any failure in the task presented, God shall never be the party that fails, but you and I.

We have many of our dear people whom we love, who have the habit of referring to the foreign missionary work as "Brother and Sister Willey's work." I am sure they do

not think when they say that. No it is not Brother and Sister Willey's work, it is our work—the great Company of Father, Son and Holy Ghost and You and I. It is Christ's. It is the work of your Lord and you, and of my Lord and me. God is using us as a denomination to carry on our part in a needy world. This work shall go on when you and Brother and Sister Willey shall not be in existence. If you don't carry on He will find someone who will. (When you do anything for Missions it is not for Brother and Sister Willey, but unto the Lord.)

I am writing this article with the thought in mind that some of our folk might be wondering why we are in the home-land over such a length of time. I can give you an answer in a few words, three in fact, *shortage of funds*. I am going to elaborate on the subject. I know that our people will respond to the SOS that Brother Blackwelder sent out. I have that much confidence in the people who are interested in Foreign Missions, within our denomination that they shall respond. We have a group of people who are of the convictions that the great commission to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth is just as binding as is the ordinances that Jesus gave to the disciples.

For some time it has been "nip and tuck" to meet the salaries of our four missionaries, Miss Barnard, Miss Yeley, Mrs. Willey and myself. We each receive fifty dollars per month. We went to Florida and laid our plans to go across to Cuba and down to Panama, as the Lord opened doors. We were ready to leave, and had given notice to the people from whom we had rented that we would give up the little house we were living in, and had things packed when we received letters from both Brother Davidson of Bryan, Texas, and Brother

Blackwelder. From Brother Davidson came a call to help organize our people in Houston, Texas, and from Brother Blackwelder came a notice that funds were rather low and that we might give the Missionary Treasury a chance to recover by working under the Home Mission department. So we came over to Texas rather than to Cuba. On arriving we found that in order to do anything we would have to appeal to the churches in and around Bryan, so we were held up, due to lack of funds. Brother Davidson personally obligated himself to the tune of \$55.00 for the fare of myself and family. Altogether, since then, the Bryan Church has contributed \$120. Last week one of our fine laymen got up in the Sunday service and in a few minutes raised \$60.00 to buy me a tent top. (That is included in the sum of \$120.) We attended the Buffalo Springs Ministers' meet and Brother Cliff Covington and his people raised \$28.00. Brother Wiggs and his people have responded to the extent of fully over fifty dollars.

Have you ever tried to go into a city of three or four hundred thousand people and start a church? Well if you have you can know what we are up against. There are heavy light deposits, high rent, etc. No building can be secured for a meeting, so we did the next best thing. I built alone, except for one day's help, a portable tabernacle, which can be used all the year around. The building is bolted together with angle irons and can be shipped to any part of the country. With this building there need never be any fear of the strong winds, common to Southern Texas. It is the property of our people down here and can be used over a period of years for church extension. Mrs. Willey and I are just as happy as can be in that we are being used to help get

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EDITORIAL

Rev. J. R. Davidson of Bryan, Texas, is keeping the church people posted concerning the status of the educational program. His articles from time to time show what is being done in a financial way, and he is constantly keeping the educational movement before the ministry and lay workers through the columns of our church papers. We believe that this is the right thing to do for the educational program to get the best results. Constant effort will be necessary for quite a while for the program to be carried forward in a worthwhile way. Time and effort will be required for the program to reach the ultimate goal.

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Brother I. J. Blackwelder has sent out a call for funds for foreign missions. His call is very urgent at this time, and the churches should meet this call with good donations for this field of service. It will be greatly discouraging to the workers in the foreign fields for them to feel that the churches back home are failing to raise the necessary funds to support them. In fact, the churches cannot afford to let this call for foreign missionary funds go unheeded. It is, therefore, necessary that all churches get busy and raise money right away for this purpose. It is their duty to do what they can for this phase of the work. God is holding, we believe, the churches responsible for their neglect in failing to raise sufficient funds to keep the field workers paid on time. The thing to do, then, is to get busy and raise the necessary money to carry this work on as it has been started.

Moreover, the Foreign Missions Treasurer should make, we believe, reports of the condition of the treasury at least every three months apart through our church papers. In this way the church people would be kept posted as to the status of the financial condition of the Foreign Missions Treasurer. Thus, such

condition in the scarcity of funds in the treasury in the future might be avoided. It is also necessary that all of the leading phases of the denominational work be kept regularly before the church people. Church work, like all other enterprises, must be emphasized and carried forward if success is to be achieved. No one should neglect, therefore, to emphasize the need and the importance of constantly boosting these main fields of church work. The lesson, as taught by the old story of the tortoise and the hare, might be applied to the success of church goals and achievements, for the race must be won by persistent effort and untiring zeal.

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Rev. M. E. Tyson, who has been superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex for the past five years, has resigned that position to become effective on May the fifteenth, and at which time Rev. James A. Evans of Kenly, North Carolina will assume duties as the new superintendent of the Home. Brother Tyson has done a good work at the orphanage and many people are reluctant to see him give up this position. But Brother Tyson is greatly interested in evangelistic work, and is capable of doing a fine piece of work in this field. He is expecting to be busily engaged in this field of service during the summer months. There is a great need both in the rural districts and in the towns for splendid evangelistic services to be held during the summer and fall seasons. We are hoping for him great success in this field of labor.

O that the Lord would guide my ways,

To keep his statutes still;

*O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will.*

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.—Psalm 25: 4.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

MINISTERS

The word *minister* means "ambassador." "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5: 20). What kind of an ambassador? Get the answer, of *Christ*. As ministers we may realize the great responsibility resting upon us. I wonder if some ministers ever stop and think? I am forced to believe that many who claim to be ministers are "wolves in sheep's clothing." We cannot judge but we know a "tree by the fruit it bears." How can the representative of Christ do things that some preachers do? Everywhere we go we are told of preachers who do things that are leading others to hell—because the unsaved, seemingly, cannot see the honest, the consecrated true servant of God; for his eyes are fixed on the hypocrite. I hear of preachers who tell dirty, vulgar yarns; even attending the Devil's show-shop on Sunday; visiting the ABC stores and drinking intoxicating liquors; getting money by short-cut methods; and other things that a true ambassador would not do. When a preacher lives as some are living he ought to be honest enough to disrobe himself of all claims to the Ministry, and quit pretending.

THE TRUE MINISTER

The true ambassador, or minister of Jesus Christ is deeply interested in the salvation of the lost. He is a leader who will co-operate with God's children, wherever they may be found. He never tries to "boss" his congregation, as an "over-lord," but as far as he is able, he will lead them to higher and holier living, teaching them the way of truth and holiness. His desire is to serve. He will sacrifice. He will give his best offerings, in the financial burden of the church. He does not ask his church to do anything that he is not willing to lead in, so, far as he is

able. He never tries to supplant his brethren in the ministry. He is not guilty of trying to get the church pastored by another. He respects the feeling for his brethren in the ministry too much to be guilty of such practices. Yet, we hear of such things in many localities. But such practice does not belong to real Ministers of God—true ambassadors of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

There are many places of worship that is called "the church." But there is only one church. There are more than nine-hundred religions in the world. All meeting places are not churches in the true sense. Cain had as much religion as Abel, but his religion did not represent Christ. Paul likens the church of Christ to the human body, by saying, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" . . . "now hath God set the members every one of them into the body, as it has pleased him" (See 1 Corinthians 12: 12-22). So, as the human body is a co-operative body so the church of Jesus Christ is a co-operative body. God never planned that some members should be bosses or overlords in the church. A church boss is placed in the church—that is the visible church—by the one who plants tares. He is a product of the enemy of the church. He is in the way of its success. He never talks to others about the church affairs, except those whom he knows that he can control. He wants to be the soul planner. If he cannot have his way he crawfishes. Some of these fellows are two-faced. They will make you think that they love you when they are with you. But when he gets to your back, he is ready to stab you. Yes, the true church of Jesus Christ is a co-operative body of born again, Spirit filled, Children of God.

HAS THE CHURCH FAILED?

Recently the question has come to me, "Don't you think the church is a failure?" Of course this question

is asked by one who thinks of nothing but the "failure of many of those who claim to be Christians." But the church of Jesus Christ has not failed. It will never fail. He said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Devil has sown tares. He has made hypocrites. But the true church of Jesus is going right on today. God is still saving those who will "believe" in the old-fashioned way. The saved person, let him be who he may, has the characteristics of the Great Head of the church. Jesus Christ lives in the lives of all who trust Him. He produces real Christian living in all true believers. The so-called "church ledger" does not make up the body of Christ—the Church. This list is kept in Heaven. If we are God's in reality, our names are "written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Paul informs us that "in the last days" such things as I am writing about would be evidenced. Read the third chapter of Second Timothy. So, when we see "a form of godliness" that "denies the power," we may know that we are in the last days—religion without Christ, and churchanity without spirituality. But He will "find faith on the earth" when He comes. His church will be here. "The wise virgins will have oil in their lamps and their vessels full and these lamps will be trimmed and burning." Praise the Lord.

Announcement

Dr. Bob Jones, well known evangelist, founder and president of the Bob Jones College, will speak in the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, N. C. at 3:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon on May 5th. The Sunday afternoon program at the Auditorium will begin at 2:00, but there will be about one hour of preliminaries. All who are interested in hearing a God-called and God-sent man or who are interested in the Bob Jones College of Cleveland, Tennessee, should be there to hear him.

Yours in Jesus,
Chester Pelt

Have You Made a Christian Will?

Not all wills are Christian in spirit. In too many wills the spirit of the will is selfish or worldly rather than Christian.

Of course, people ought to provide for their children and other dependents, but in thousands of cases wealthy, active, earnest Christian men and women have left the bulk of their estates to unworthy relatives, simply because they were relatives, persons who had no interest whatever in the church, in temperance or moral reforms in general.

Too often the money of those noble Christian men and women has gone to persons who have used it against the very object which those persons loved and served and helped for many years in their life time.

Sam Jones, the famous Evangelist, once made a startling statement, with which we cannot altogether agree, but it at least is worth thinking about when he said, "I am not going to leave anything to my children. If they are any account they don't need it. If they are no account they don't deserve it."

That of course is an extreme stating of that side of the matter and would do a great injustice to many worthy children. Most persons ought to provide some for their children and for other dependent relatives, but there are many wealthy Christian men and women who could leave a great fighting, militant organization like the New York Civic League a generous legacy, even after they had provided well for their children and dependents.

If many of our friends would leave us \$100, or \$500, or \$1,000, or several thousand dollars, it would help tremendously in the great desperate moral battles which we are waging against evil, trying to make it easier for people to do right and harder for them to do wrong. We have recently received word of several friends who have put the Civic League in their wills.—*Selected.*

Educational Notes

*By J. R. Davidson,
Bryan, Texas*

Some encouraging reports continue to come in concerning our educational program. Almost daily we hear from the laity in some field, and they always seem optimistic. More ministers have felt the urge to write and express their concern of late than at any time since we started in this great effort.

Dr. John Wolf, of Pawnee City, Nebraska, knows just how to stimulate one who needs it. He says the program must succeed, and he is putting his money right where he talks, too. You can help him to make his support felt more by ordering that Butler-Dunn Theology, which you have been planning to order, right now. By doing this you can make a needed addition to your library, and the money will be added to the school fund. Send all orders direct to Dr. John H. Wolf, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Dr. Wolf says, "Just keep the appeal before our people." Thanks Doctor.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, writes to say, "We must have the school." He pledged a monthly payment last July to be kept up until the mortgage on our School Property is paid off. Well, there is no mortgage yet, but he is keeping these payments up in order that there may be one. What if all our pastors were like Bingham about the matter? Success is the answer.

Among the reports, comes one from our editor, Rev. R. B. Spencer. Brother Spencer says, "You may expect a report from my churches soon." Now that is the type of leadership that will get results. Brother Spencer has made a wonderful contribution through the columns of the Baptist in making the progress we have made possible. In fact we have depended on this medium of contact in appealing to our people almost entirely. We say, "hats off," to our editors.

From Rev. L. C. Johnson, pastor of the Glennville, Ebenezer, and Alabaha churches of the South Georgia Association of Georgia comes a report to the effect that they are developing a budget system, and that the school comes in for its share of consideration. In fact a nice money order has already come as a result of this plan. What this pastor and his churches are doing all others could do. Why not you adopt a plan now, in which our proposed school is given a fair and dependable consideration? God bless you and your work, Brother Johnson.

Two reports have come from some of our pastors in East Texas, in which they pledge full support to the program. The pastors are: Rev. T. W. Smith and Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin. Surely cash will be forthcoming from this part of Texas.

Brother Winford Davis, of Missouri and Michigan, writes in to assure me that it is only going to take a little more time and persistent toil to put over a good job of this educational project. I believe that you are right Brother Davis, so here goes that old continued "keeping on." I have found that Winford Davis wroks on the field in harmony with his talk on our associational floors, and according to his writings to the papers. Lord, give us more like him!

As I was in the act of getting this manuscript ready for the Press, and here came the postman with a letter from Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C. Yes, there was a money order to make a payment on their pledge, and a request to know their standing, also the amount sent in by our ladies. It is a good thing to check up occasionally, and this is a good hint to you who have pledged and have not kept their promise. Were all of our pastors and their wives as much interested in our progress as Brother and Sister Bennett are, no force of the Devil's could stop us from having a school. Thanks to these two.

Last, but by no means least, comes a wonderful spirited letter from the

moderator of our National Association, Rev. James F. Miller. "We are altogether for our educational program," says he. To confirm his statement he tells of five charts which they have up in the Flat River Church, which are destined to bring in most one hundred dollars soon. He says that a similar work is going on in many Missouri churches. Those Missouri Free Will Baptists are developing a marvelous system for all phases of our church program, and they are getting the job done too. I think that other states would do well to emulate Missouri. Write to Brother Miller and ask him to tell you something of their work. I am proud to call your attention to the example of our moderator.

North Carolina surges ahead, and tops the list of states in the amount of cash sent in for the proposed school. Texas has headed the list for a long time to have to take a second place now, however we are glad to yield to North Carolina in as much as we have failed to raise enough cash lately to stay on top. All praise to North Carolina.

The following is a financial statement of all states having donated as much as one hundred dollars up to date, April 17, 1940:

North Carolina	-----	\$638.53
Texas	-----	600.43
Tennessee	-----	473.20
Missouri	-----	223.45
Georgia	-----	130.66
Virginia (donated by one man, W. G. Kilgore)	-----	100.00
Oklahoma (so near to the one hundred I am reporting)	-----	87.16

We are calling upon you, one and all, again to come on with that good old loyal support that will get us there. Remember to have everything ready for June. What is June? National Campaign Month For Christian Education. Fall upon your knees, and swing in line, if you have not been giving your support.

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Four

RECORDS AND REPORTS

By William E. Coville, CHAIRMAN,
National Sunday School Board

Sunday schools should keep records and make reports. The question before us today is whether each Free Will Baptist Sunday school shall have its own system of recording and reporting or whether all of our schools shall have a uniform system. I favor a uniform system for all of our schools. Many times I have said that I wish I could attend Sunday school in our churches in Alabama, Texas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, or in any other state in which we have Sunday schools and find our work being conducted in a like manner in our schools everywhere. I suppose the reason that we do not have a uniformity of system in our Sunday schools is because we have never had a national plan presented to our Sunday school workers. The need for a uniform system of administration in our schools is outstanding. Have you ever visited one of our schools and found that the school is being conducted in the same way that their grandparents conducted it fifty or sixty years ago? *The time has come when our Sunday Schools must move out of the "old rut" if we are to hold our young people—the future Free Will Baptist Leaders.*

If we agree that our Sunday schools should keep records and make reports and if we further agree that we should have a uniform system for keeping the records and making the reports, then we are ready to consider a system.

Point four of Section one of the proposed "Standard" is restated as follows: "The standard school shall use the Six Point Record System. Reports shall be made on report blanks provided by the Chairman of Records and Reports of the National Sunday School Board." The Six

Point System is not a new system. It is a system that has been operated successfully in the Sunday schools of other denominations for a number of years.

Let us consider the six points and the value of each point. Attendance 20 credits; On time, 10 credits; Bible brought, 10 credits; Offering, 10 credits; Prepared lesson, 30 credits; and Preaching attendance, 20 credits. In the original presentation of the "Standard" I stated that, "The attainment of this Standard is not intended nor should it be considered to be a goal within itself, but it is intended and should be considered as a means of reaching the goal, namely, a more effective plan for teaching God's word to greater numbers and a more efficient way of leading lost souls to Jesus Christ." With this thought firmly fixed in our minds, let us evaluate the Six Point Record System.

Attendance 20 credits. This will lead to a greater per cent of the enrolled members in attendance. It will correct, to a great degree, irregularity in attendance. It will enlarge the school and extend the horizon of Christian influence.

On time, 10 credits. A great character builder. It will discourage tardiness and encourage promptness—a valuable asset to any person.

Bible brought, 10 credits. The Sunday school is the school of the church. It is the department which deals with Christian Education. No better text book could be in evidence in the Sunday school than the Bible.

Offering, 10 credits. This point is not intended to build a large Sunday school offering, but to inspire a great number to give to the Lord's work. It will help to teach our boys and girls to be "cheerful givers" in their youth and systematic givers both now and in the years to come.

Prepared lesson, 30 credits. One of the vitals of the Sunday school, "Study to show thyself approved." If we are to gain God's approval we must study. The thirty credits serves as an incentive as well as a reward.

Preaching attendance, 20 credits. Again I quote part of a statement used before, "a more efficient way of leading lost souls to Jesus Christ." The preaching services act as reinforcements to the messages of the teachers. Officers and teachers of the church school should stress the importance of attending the preaching services. It will benefit the pupil, make for a better service and glorify God. The twenty credits serve as an added inducement — *the reward is everlasting life.*

If all of our schools are to have the same system of Sunday school "bookkeeping," they should all be expected to make reports of a similar nature. This will necessitate the introduction and use of uniform report blanks. The Chairman of Records and Reports of the National School Board shall have supervision over this phase of Sunday school work.

Next Week—Point Five ENROLLMENT AND GRADING

Announcement

All members and friends of the Reedy Branch Church near Greenville, North Carolina, are invited to attend services during the week-end of May 5th, which is the first Sunday in May. We plan to have four services beginning with the Saturday morning service, and guest speakers will preach at every service except the Sunday morning service.

We plan to have an evangelist with special singing on Sunday night which will begin about seven forty-five. The church roll will be called on Sunday morning after service for the purpose of giving those who work on Saturday a chance to answer to their name.

Chester Pelt, Pastor

When I walk through the shades of death,

*Thy presence is my stay;
A word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.*

Who Shall Live?

*By Elder Lee Hanks,
Adamsville, Alabama*

Turn with me please to Isaiah 1: 18-20.

"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

May we pause here to think just a moment of the great significant request or shall I say command, found in this first clause. "Come now and let us reason together," saith the Lord.

We recall that after God created heaven and earth and fowls of the air, cattle of the fields, and the beast of the earth, and every living creature, God said, "Let us make man in our image after our likeness."

Now after many years, he speaks to mankind and says, "Let us reason together." Oh! what a great thought that the Creator was—so mindful of mankind that he wanted to reason with him.

The human mind cannot conceive of *that* great love. But he must have looked upon man with compassion and admiration.

Just think how proud the son is of anything he helps his father to make.

Though it had become corrupt, the father loved mankind. He would not completely destroy it for the son's sake.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

Oh, if only the book would have closed here, but he goes on and makes his promises.

Conditionally (If ye be willing). Willing for what? Willing to turn loose the world and take Jesus as your guide, but he doesn't stop there, he adds obedient. Ye shall eat the good of the Lord.

Obedient unto what? Unto the law of Moses? No. Unto the ten

commandments? No. Unto the law that he writes upon the fleshly tables of our heart. Oh, if only we would be obedient unto the Spirit of Christ. I'm sure we would be made to sit at the Lord's table more often than we do. If only every child of God would be obedient and work out their salvation with fear and trembling. God through us could reach many lost souls that are burdened down with the cares of the world.

May I relate one instance that happened last summer in an old Bush Arbor meeting, I was holding. One night after an old time prayer, and after several had prayed thru to victory, there was a father, yes, a grandfather, stooped in years with snow-white hair. As he stood to give his testimony, this is what he said, "I was converted when a young man, I lived a holy life for a few years, but I lost faith, and became disgusted with the church because of the hypocrites in the church, and I vowed that I would never have anything to do with the church again. Since then and since this meeting started, my children and neighbors have been telling me what a good time they were having. I did not intend to come tonight, but I had to make a visit and thought I would walk by this way. When I went to pass the church, the choir was singing, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." I stopped in the road to listen for a moment. Then came the song—"Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound." I then thought I would go on, but I had a desire to hear more so I walked up to the edge of the arbor. I just meant to listen a moment. When the preacher announced his text I wondered what he could say about such text, but he started from the time I had quit the church, and he pictured my life down until he made the altar call, then I found myself calling upon the Lord."

Dear friends, it was through obedience in God's children that talked and told the good news, and those that sing the praises of the Lord. I had never seen the man before, it was not what I knew

about his life, but it was the Spirit of God that showed him his condition.

It makes no difference how deep in sin a man may be, God loves him and wants to save him. The only way that he will be saved is by being obedient.

We should be the happiest people of any age, because of our freedom to be obedient and our opportunity to keep the law of grace.

Jesus says, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Just think of the great burden of keeping the old law. Some of them were grievous. One for instance was about parents had a son that was rebellious or stubborn, who would not obey his parent, he was brought to the elders of the city and stoned to death by the consent of his parents, but we must love them if we love Jesus. By loving one another as we should, we are not apt to fall away, for he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved (Mark 13:13).

Giving Food to the Perishing

"What is a New Testament?" asked a girl in the sixth grade of one of the public schools in Texas. She had never attended a Sunday school or church, and had never heard of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

It is just such boys and girls in the mountain and pioneer schools that are being reached by the Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago, founded by D. L. Moody in 1894, through its Missionary Book Funds. According to the annual report of these Funds, the Association distributed no less than 766,271 copies of its Colportage books, Evangelical booklets, Scripture portions and Gospel tracts in these schools, with the co-operation of the teachers. New Testaments were awarded those pupils who read the Gospel of John and the Pocket Treasury, and memorized some thirty-six verses which make plain the need and the way of salvation.

"But I am such a great sinner; you don't know how bad a sinner I am," exclaimed a woman in one of the hospitals in St. Louis. A copy of Horton's Gospel of John with helps was given her to read and the worker went on his way. The next week when the worker returned a big change was noted; she was born again—a new creature in Christ Jesus. The woman was rejoicing in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, giving evidence that God's Word had not returned void. The entrance of His Word had given light, life and liberty.

"We men in tank No. 3, Orange County Jail, wish to thank you kind people for all the literature you have sent us men" wrote ten prisoners in a California prison. We had a prayer meeting in our tank every night and give thanks to God, the Father, for you people." These men received the books through a faithful chaplain. During the fiscal year, ending February 29th, the Colportage Association mailed to chaplains and Christian workers for distribution among patients in hospitals and sanitariums, and prisoners in city, county, state and federal prisons and penitentiaries a total of 816, 334 copies of its attractive Christian literature.

These amounts, together with 1,094,389 copies sent out by means of nineteen other Missionary Book Funds, make a grand total of 2,676,994 evangelical books, scripture portions and gospel tracts distributed freely by the Association during the year in its endeavor to evangelize different classes of needy people. These Funds include several foreign countries such as Africa, India, Latin America, Philippine Islands and Spain. New interest has been manifested during the year in the colored people of the South, to which 71,177 copies were mailed. "But what are they among so many?" There is great need of helping the Negro population of America, who are being ensnared by religious cults.—*Selected.*

Letter from Bridgeton

I have just finished reading Brother Blackwelder's SOS from the Foreign Mission Treasury, and did I hang my head in shame! Listen, Co-Worker, I am speaking to every Third Vice-President, local and district in the State of N. C. As I am your State Third Vice-President we must rally to the support of our Missionaries. Better than this, I also have a letter in hand from Mrs. Willey stating the conditions of the treasury; also her or their plan. She stated in her letter of the embarrassment they are having to suffer, in as large a city as Houston, Texas trying to build a church and maintain a certain degree of prestige without funds. She said the people in Texas were responding beautifully to raising money for the building but they were not able to support them (Mr. and Mrs. Willey) and the building also.

Says they had planned to sail in June but felt it best to stay until after the conference in July. But between now and then we people must do something about sending in funds or they will not be able to leave then. Surely we people can support four missionaries.

Lord, I pray Thee to stir and awaken us to the pressing need of fund raising for the Missionary Treasury.

I am asking that every Aid and missionary society take an emergency offering as quickly as possible. Yes, before our State Meeting in May. Ask each member of society to make her offering as much as possible. Of course this is the 3rd Vice-President's duty to put and keep this before her people until they respond. Then take this same proposition to your Sunday School that every pupil may have an opportunity to drop in their pennies. Really, I think every Sunday School should have a missionary Sunday of each month for two reasons. First, to educate the child, to support missions, second that the missionaries may be supported. Solomon says

train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. So, surely if we begin now to train our children to support missions, it will not seem so foreign to them when they grow up. That is one of the big troubles with us today. We were not trained in our childhood to support missions.

Let me urge that we set apart one Sunday each month in our Sunday Schools for missions. Urge the teachers to do their best to impress it in the hearts of their pupils to rally to mission Sunday. Impress them so that any child in your school can tell you when Mission Sunday arrives. Let us use Second Sunday in May for the first one. That is Mother's Day and it will make it easy to remember. That is about as late and also as early as we can have the first one, because you will not get this letter to start any earlier. We want to report it in our State Convention. Do this and report to me as quickly after you do the work as possible. If you wish you may send all your emergency funds to me and I will send them in a lump sum to the Treasurer. I want to do this right after the State Convention. I say after because I have in mind to ask the privilege of taking an emergency offering there. Then it can all go up together from the State. Now please don't read this and cast it aside and do no more about it; instead take it, and put it to work. It's simple I know, but did you know that God can take the simple thing and make great things of them if you don't believe this is a good time to try it out. I will be only too glad to report it to the Field through this same paper the results of this little emergency Campaign.

Dear Co-Workers, I'm trusting you for good results.

Yours to serve as State Third Vice President,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,
Bridgeton, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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Women's District Auxiliary Convention of N. C. Eastern Conference Hold Meeting

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern Association was held with the Church at Beulaville on Thursday, March 21, 1940.

The Convention was largely attended not only by the women of the Eastern District but we were glad to welcome visitors including some of our ministers. We wish our ministers would visit our meetings in a larger way so that they might know more about the work we are trying to do and the things we are trying to accomplish.

The reports for the past year were very good but we feel that they should have been much better. It is true that we are doing a great work but is it great enough that the Master can say to us, "Well done Thou good and faithful servants"? We are glad to know that our women's work is growing and that a greater interest is being shown among our people for the whole church program than ever before, but there are still so many fields of service lying out before us that surely we cannot be satisfied with the work we have done— not until we have striven to reach higher goals in the Master's service.

Most of the vice-presidents had a better report to make at this Convention than they have had before, but they are not satisfied with these. They are calling us for a larger report this time, for Superannuation and subscribers to the Baptist paper.

The following is a list of the officers of the Eastern District and the vice-presidents are calling to the vice-presidents of the local societies to please furnish them with the re-

ports of the local work before our next convention convenes in September with Holly Springs Church.

President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.; First Vice-President, Mrs. E. M. Prescott, New Bern, N. C., Route 1; Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Clarks, N. C.; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Bridgeton, N. C.; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Davis, N. C.; Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Overman, New Bern, N. C., Rhem Avenue; Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Ed Smith, New Bern, N. C., Neuse Road; Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Mallard, New Bern, N. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Cash Corner, N. C.; Field Worker, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C.

Mrs. E. L. Mallard, *Secretary*

N. C. State Auxiliary Convention Soon to Meet

All our district Auxiliary Conventions have held their spring meetings, and encouraging reports have been received of the progress which has been made in our work, and the increased interest shown. Our task now is to have all in readiness for our State Convention which convenes May 23, at Bladenboro, in the Pee Dee District.

Each local auxiliary in the State is entitled to one delegate to the State Convention. Be sure to send your 20 cents per capita dues for your active members; half for State dues and half for National dues. Each auxiliary will receive a report blank to be filled out. Please follow the instructions given on the blank and furnish all the information asked for.

The district vice-presidents are urged to send their reports to the corresponding state vice-presidents at least one week before the time of convention.

Let us pray that all will co-operate and the Lord will bless us with the most worthwhile and spiritual meeting we have ever had.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson,
N. C. State President

Report of the District Meeting of the Ladies Missionary Circle

The District meeting of the Ladies work met on April 3, at North Zulch, Texas. This organization, being only one year old, was represented by a large attendance of delegates and officers. The theme of the day was "Prove Me," and the body was called together by singing the theme song, "Jesus Calls Us." President, Mrs. Dalla Lawless, was absent so the place was filled by the first vice-president, Mrs. Clyde Goen.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Carrie Belle Casey, and the response by Mrs. Anna Windsor, of Normangee. The roll was called and the delegates and ministers were seated. Eight societies were represented by letters. Minutes of last meeting were then read and adopted. The appointment of committees and other business was then taken up, after which a message from the president was given, and was completed by special music by Mrs. Leathy Ford and Mrs. Fannie Duncan.

A message, "Prove Me," from Sister Lizzie McAdams, was a special treat at this time, stressing tithing. She read the wonderful challenge recorded by Malachi, telling how wonderfully God had blessed her after tithing for thirty-one years, and declaring the pleasure she received from it.

The "Prove Me" plan Missionary

Play was given by the members of North Zulch Society. Surely all present received a special blessing by this play and it made all present see the necessity of tithing.

Lunch was served to all on the church lawn. The tables were loaded with good things by the church ladies, and this was climaxed by steaming hot barbecue, furnished by the North Zulch Business Men.

The meeting assembled again at 1:15. The Song and a Testimony meeting was led by Mrs. P. K. Trant, of Bryan. Mrs. R. C. Wiggs was in charge of the Declamation Contest. The winners were as follows: Juniors, Wanda Lou Duncan; Intermediate, Ella Louise Andrews.

Reports from all committees were read and accepted. The officers appointed were Mrs. Charles Moehlman, Sr., President; Mrs. Anna Windsor, Secretary; Mrs. Fannie Duncan, Treasurer; and Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Reporter.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Edge Church on October 9, 1940.

—Mrs. P. K. Trant, Reporter

An Appeal for the Cause of Missions

(Continued from page three)

something started here in this great city, the greatest in which I have ever lived in. "But, this is not our work; we have others who can carry this on. We should have been on the field, but we have no rich uncle to send us there. No, but we have a rich Heavenly Father who owns the hills and the potatoes in the hills, and we are trusting him. Mrs. Willey and I want to return to the field just after the National Association Meeting. We want to attend that meeting because there are certain things that ought to be worked out for the future of Foreign missions. Do we intend to advance, or shall we with only four missionaries, retreat. By all means we must advance! We can use native missionaries both in India and South Amer-

ica. There should be a couple to relieve Sister Barnard in India.

We are appealing to you to make it possible for us to return at this time. The way you can do this is as pastors and people, make some appeal between now and the National meeting in Paintsville, Kentucky, and send in the fruits of this to the National Secretary. We can

only appeal to you who have stood by in the past. We want you to know that we are ready to go, we want to go. We have as our preference the Foreign fields because of the great need there. There are others here who can have a ministry in this great city of the Southwest.

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Habakkuk Fights Through Doubt to Faith

(Lesson for May 12)

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Th e
just shall live by His faith*" (Hab.
2: 4).

Faith which characterizes God-honoring prayer is evidenced by refusal to question God's holiness, wisdom, righteousness, faithfulness, and grace, despite inability to understand His ways. Habakkuk, unable to understand all God's chastening dealings with sinful Israel, triumphantly believed in Israel's ultimate deliverance, establishment and blessing through God's faithfulness and grace. He triumphantly believed that God's promises would be fulfilled despite happenings he could not understand. During a drought, people gathered to pray for rain. A little girl carried her umbrella to the meeting. Asked why she did so when there was no sign of rain, she replied, "I thought you were going to ask God for rain."

Definite prayer answers can only be experienced through definite praying. Moody was seen kneeling in prayer in a vacant lot at 153 Institute Place, Chicago. He explained that he was asking God for a building in which he could train men and women for Christian service, who could not afford to pay for the same. Today twenty-nine Moody Bible Institute buildings stand around this very spot.—W. M.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

It seems hardly fair to say that Habakkuk had to fight his way thru doubt. Perplexed he was, as John the Baptist was perplexed (Matthew 11: 2, 3); but neither was a doubter. Habakkuk was perplexed because the heathen Chaldeans were

permitted to afflict God's people, and apparently God did nothing about it (Habakkuk 1: 1-4). It was revealed to him that his people were punished for their sins and abominable idolatries (vss. 5-11). Then, he was perplexed at the seeming permanence of evil on the part of the Chaldeans (vss. 12-17), and it was revealed to him that they should be utterly destroyed for their iniquities (2:1-20).

The eternal and holy God will bring judgment upon the enemies of His people (Habakkuk 1:12). The Chaldean nation was allowed to flourish for a certain length of time, and was then overthrown and superseded by the Persian (Daniel 5: 31; 9:1; 10:1). God used them as instruments to punish Judah, but they in turn suffered punishment at the hand of God.

The eternal God is of absolute purity and holiness. The Prophet was very conscious of the wickedness of the enemies of his people, and he was greatly perplexed that they were allowed to deal treacherously and even devour the man that was more righteous than they (Habakkuk 1: 13); but he never doubted the unsullied holiness of God. "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity," he says, in spite of his perplexity. Men to-day are puzzled more at the love of God than at His holiness. They cannot see how a God of love can tolerate so much evil in the world, and some are not as wise and as worshipful as Habakkuk, but find fault with Him.—J. C. T.

II. HOME WORK

1. What were some of the sins of the Chaldeans as recorded by Habakkuk? (Habakkuk 2: 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 19).
2. What sin of Nebuchadnezzar's is clearly foretold? (Habakkuk 2: 4, 5; Daniel 4: 30).
3. What is foretold of Nebuchadnezzar's punishment? (Habakkuk 1: 11; Daniel 4: 31-33).
4. What great New Testament

truth is taught by Habakkuk? Habakkuk 2: 4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3: 11; Hebrew 10: 38).

5. What great Kingdom prophecy do we find in this Book? (Habakkuk 2:14). Where else is the same prophecy found? (Numbers 14: 21; Psalm 72: 19; Isaiah 6: 3; 11:9).

6. What great call to reverence is given to us by this Prophet? (Habakkuk 2: 20).

7. What prayer of the Prophet's can we make our own? (Habakkuk 3: 2).

8. What is God's attitude towards men who think too highly of themselves? (Habakkuk 2: 4; James 4: 6; I Peter 5: 5).

9. Who is at the heart of the vision of Habakkuk? Habakkuk 2:3; Hebrew 10: 37).

10. When shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord? (Isaiah 11: 9-12).

11. Be sure to read the entire Book of Habakkuk. After this is done, the student will be in a position to appreciate the lesson as given in the Advanced and Senior Quarterlies.

Briefly Speaking

By L. E. Everette Ballard

OUR REVIVAL. Our revival at the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church which came to a close on Friday night, April 19th, was considered in many ways a success. Attendance was good—an overflow crowd on some occasions. Rev. Clifton Rice, evangelist for the services, brought some wonderful messages. Mr. James Ray Pittman, who directed the music, gave us a great musical program each night, using talent volunteered from various places, with our own Male Quartet the high light.

COLLEGE STUDENT WORK. We were much encouraged in our efforts to effect an organization of the Free Will Baptist young people who attend East Carolina College by a re-

cent letter from Rev. Henry Melvin, head of the young people's work of our denomination. Also others have given encouragement, including our beloved editor, who has assured us that the paper will gladly aid in serving as a medium through which our college young people can express themselves. We have had a number of conferences with interested parties in the college, have obtained permission for our denominational group, and plans are now being worked out for an organization. It is our hope that a general College Student Movement can soon be launched for our denomination.

Life of Christ. Much interest has been taken in our presentation of the colored slides illustrating the Life of Christ. The slides were presented five times in and around Greenville, at the Central Conference Auxiliary Convention; and in two other churches. They have proved inspiring and illuminating.

News from Sidney

Sidney Church was filled with the divine presence of the Holy Spirit on third Sunday evening, when our pastor, Rev. Hermon Wooten, preached an illustrated sermon on the "Substitutionary Atonement." The sermon was illustrated by a group of young people from Sidney Church.

The back of the stage was beautifully banked with dogwood, entwined with yellow jasmine. There were five scenes. The first represented Cain and Abel's sacrifice to God. The second showed Abraham offering his son as a sacrifice. The third was the brazen serpent on a cross with Mrs. Patsy Cooke, dressed in white, seated upon the floor, gazing peacefully at the serpent, showing that whosoever looked upon the serpent might be saved. The fourth showed the blood being placed on lintels of the windows and on the door posts, that God might pass over them. The fifth, the veil of the temple was rent.

Miss Eloise Gordon, who represented an angel, very gracefully

placed streamers of red paper, representing blood, from each scene, as they were presented, to the large brightly lighted cross stood in the middle of the stage, representing Jesus. When the curtains were opened the last time, the five illustrations made an impressive picture which touched the hearts of every one present.

Brother Wooten very emphatically pointed out through each scene that we can be saved only by grace through faith in the atoning blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

After the sermon many raised their hands to be prayed for. After prayer the congregation sang, "God Be with You."

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Reporter

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Poems of Sunshine and Shadow

By L. Everett Ballard

IV. THE OLD REVIVAL DAYS

There's a yearning in my soul for
the old revival days,
When the Spirit made men bold to
proclaim God's will and ways:
When the people worked with glad-
ness, and with faith in God above,
To woo men from sin and sadness to
a Saviour's precious love.

Yes, I want to hear the ringing of
the old church bell again;
And I want to hear the singing of

the saints as they sang then;
And I want to hear the praise of
souls touched with heaven's fire;
See the sinners turn from evil ways,
and let Christ lift them from the
mire.

Oh, I'm yearning for the meeting
night by night of precious friends,
And I'm longing for the greeting re-
membered still when meeting
ends;

For the words that bring new hope
to the burden-laden one;
For the love that casts out fear; for
the peace of God's dear Son.

Dear Lord, help us to be turning
back to Him who blessed us then!
For the thing for which we're yearn-
ing can be given once again:
For the Saviour changes never—He
can bless in the same way—
"Yesterday, today, forever" can be
the old revival day!

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Good Friends

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Molly sat primly on the porch step. The day was bright and sunny and warm. In a few months, thought Molly, winter would be coming. What fun she would have then! In the meantime it was pleasant to feel the warm sun on her back. Molly found a picture-book and prepared to wait quietly until mother would be ready. She hoped that she would not be long. On such a fine day it was hard not to romp and frolic.

"Hello!" said a voice.

"Hello!" said another voice.

Molly ran down to the gate. Her friends, Jack and Jean, were there to see her. The three played together every day, and were very good friends.

"What shall we play?" asked Jean.

A wagon was moving toward them down the quiet street. It's the iceman!" shouted Jack. "Bring your pail, Molly, and let's pick up some pieces to play with!"

The bits of ice sparkled like diamonds in the sunlight. The children gathered them up and tossed them about in the red pail. Soon their fingers were chilled and dripping.

"Oh!" cried Molly, suddenly. "Oh, look at my dress! It's all wet and wrinkled! I forgot that mother said I must keep clean!" Her face was full of distress.

"We'd better go home," said Jean. Jack thought so too. Slowly they started off, feeling that Molly's troubled eyes were following them. It was too bad to leave poor Molly all alone, thought Jack. "Let's stay

with her," he said bravely. "I will if you will."

Jean nodded. She turned back and slipped a comforting hand into Molly's. "We'll go to the house with you," she offered. "Let's go right now, shall we?"

"Why, Molly," exclaimed Molly's mother, when she saw them, "what have you children been doing?"

Molly started to explain that the ice looked so pretty and that she had not thought that it would melt and streak her clean dress. "We called to her," Jack added honestly. He did hope that Molly was not going to be scolded.

"I'm sorry Molly forgot," said Molly's mother, "but I'm happy to think that she has two good friends. It was brave of you to share her trouble, Jack and Jean."

"Are—are we going to Aunt Bertha's," Molly asked.

"No, I just telephoned and found that she's busy, canning fruit. Instead, daddy is going to take us driving. Would Jack and Jean like to come too?"

"Oh, yes!" cried Jack, running off to ask permission. After a moment Jack followed. Molly stood watching them with eyes that seemed to say, "Good friends!"—Myra Newell, in *The Sunbeam*.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

TAYLOR. It is with a sad heart that I write the death of Mrs. India Taylor, who departed this life on March 15, 1940. She was born July 1, 1895, making her stay on earth 44 years, 8 months, and 14 days.

She was married to Archie Lee Taylor on January 8, 1911. To this union was born four children. He died and then she married John T. Taylor on November 8, 1930. To this union was born one child.

She was one of the most active members of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist church. We miss her so much when we go to church, or to our Ladies Aid, for she was always present when health would permit.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, and assisted by Rev. R. P. Harris in the presence of a large crowd of friends and loved ones. She was buried in the family cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

A loved one from our church is gone,

A voice we cherished is stilled;
There is a vacancy in our church
Which never can be filled.

Written by a friend,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

WIGGINS. On March 8, 1940, the Ruler of heaven and earth saw fit to call from this life our dear mother and grandmother Mrs. Laura Slaughter Wiggins. She was stricken down with paralysis on Wednesday afternoon and died on Friday. Her death came as a shock to the entire family.

Her husband to whom she was devoted preceded her to the grave two years and five months ago.

She was born on March 13, 1870, making her stay on earth 69 years, 11 months and 25 days. Our loss is her eternal gain. We know that she was glad to join those on the other side, and her loved ones who had gone on before.

She joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Hickory Chapel during her childhood, and had been a Sunday School teacher since she was seventeen. She was a devoted and loyal member as long as she lived. She bore with Christian fortitude the troubles and trials of life. Her knowledge of the infinite wisdom of God made her a consecrated Christian.

She leaves to mourn her loss seven children, twenty grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister and brother.

Her funeral was conducted in Hickory Chapel church by her pastor, Rev. W. L. Moretz, and assisted by her former pastor, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. Oscar Creech and Rev. K. E. Bryant. Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery underneath a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morn.

Written by her granddaughter,

Mrs. Reuben Slaughter

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of grandfather Rushes Lee Wiggins who departed

this life on October 21, 1937, at the age of 69 years.

Our memory of grandfather lingers,
Although he has gone away;
But we are striving to meet him,
In that better land some day.

How we miss grandfather
No one on earth can tell;
We miss his precious footsteps,
And his smiling face as well.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears;
But God only knows how we miss him,
As it dawns on through the years.

Never shall we cease to love him,
Never shall his memory fade;
Sweetest love forever lingers
Around the grave where he was laid.

We hope to meet grandfather,
When the days of life are fled;
Yes, in heaven with joy to greet him,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

God, help us to follow his example,
And live the best we can;
That we may all be united,
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Written by his granddaughter,
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Tues., May 21	Morehead City	Carteret
Wed., May 22	Holly Springs	Carteret
Thur., May 23	St. Mary's (New Bern)	Craven
Fri., May 24	Bridgeton	Craven
Sat., May 25	Arapahoe	Pamlico
Mon., May 27	New Bethlehem	Pamlico
Tues., May 28	Warden's Grove	Pamlico
Wed., May 29	Mt. Zion	Pamlico
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Thur., June 6	Core Point Chap.	Beaufort

Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort	Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
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Mon., June 10	Free Union	Beaufort	Mon., June 24	Oak Grove	Craven
Tues., June 11	Sidney	Beaufort	Tues., June 25	Juniper Chap.	Craven
Wed., June 12	Belhaven	Beaufort	Wed., June 26	Palmetto Chap.	Craven
Thur., June 13	Union Grove	Beaufort	Thur., June 27	Macedonia	Craven
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Ps. 12.2; 31.6, 18; 69.7-10.

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And may she know from day to day
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As once upon her breast
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So let her heart, on Thee at rest,
Feel fears depart and troubles fade away.

Ah! hold her by the hand,
As once her hand held mine,
And, though she may not understand
Life's winding way, lead her in peace divine.

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Clarence Bowen

My times are in thy hand.—Psalm 31: 15.

My times are in thy hand,
Whatever they may be,
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to thee.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.—Psalm 31: 16.

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The Antiquity and Genuineness of the Bible

By C. J. Harris

The Bible is not a book of recent date, neither is it an idle tale of modern times, told for the diversion of its readers. Its antiquity is based on indisputable evidence, and no one may truthfully doubt its great age. God's truth is as ancient as eternity. Those who have examined the history of the Bible, and have weighed the great mass of evidence in proof of its claim to antiquity, have not the least doubt of its great age. The Book of books is as ancient as the Rock of Ages.

Ingersoll, who wrote about the supposed mistakes of Moses, believed that the great Jewish lawgiver lived and wrote and labored more than three thousand years ago. The Bible is no man's book.

All through the ages of its existence the Bible has had its witness and guardians, though some of them have been the greatest perverters of Christian doctrine and the bitterest enemies of the Christian faith. The Old Testament, containing the most of the prophecies, was preserved with the most religious care by the Jews. To them it was a Sacred, Holy Book. It contained their code of laws given amid the thunders of Sinai, their history from the call of Abraham to the close of the prophetic age, their psalms and hymns and songs of praise, the record of the lives of their great men and women, the sayings and exhortations to goodness of their wise and holy men and the prophecies which unveiled to them, in a measure, the unknown future. Add to these weighty reasons for preserving the Book intact the fact that they believed that the Old Testament contained the genuine, inspired Word of God concerning them, and we have the strongest possible motive on their part for handing down the holy Scriptures in unchanged form from generation to generation. The Jews

read the Scriptures on the Sabbath day in all their synagogues, beginning long before the birth of Christ and continuing down to the present time. Multiplied copies of the law and the prophets, and of the New Testament were transcribed with utmost care and in the most painstaking manner by men set apart for the work because of their great skill as scribes, and such was the care to have the copy exactly like the original that a single error was sufficient to condemn the writing and a new copy had to be made. And now in these later days millions and tens of millions of copies of the Bible are printed in all the known languages of the world.

From start to finish, the Bible bears the mark of divine inspiration. It is its own best witness; it stands on its own merits; and tells its own tale. And they are facts which exhibit the divine Omniscience of the One incomprehensible Mind. So long as Babylon is in heaps, so long as Nineveh lies empty, void and waste, so long as Egypt is the basest of kingdoms, so long as Tyre is a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, so long as Israel is scattered among all nations; so long as Jerusalem is trodden under foot of the Gentiles; so long as "evil men and seducers wax worse and worse"; and so long as the great empires of the world march on in their predicted course, we have proof that one Omnipotent Mind dictated the predictions of the Bible, and that "prophecy came not in old time by the will of man." But holy men "wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Such is the character of the evidence that it removes all doubt of the genuineness of the Holy Bible.

With equal propriety, we briefly look at the evidence of the genuineness of the Gospel, and we find that

it is of better character and of a higher type than that which satisfies us of the genuineness of the writings of Josephus, the orations of Cicero, the commentaries of Caesar, the "Biblical Antiquities" of Bingham, and other writings both ancient and modern.

The writings of Celsus, the bitter opponent of Christianity, who wrote in the second century, are known only to us by quotations made from them by Origen in his noted reply in refutation of this attack on the Christian religion. But no one doubts that Celsus lived and wrote the book from which the ancient fathers quoted, Keim, a German author made an effort to reconstruct the writings of Celsus from quotations made by Origen, so with the New Testament. Quotations were made from its various books soon after it was published and the writings of the authors who quoted from the copies of the Scriptures have come down to us and the quotations agree with the New Testament as we now have it. The conclusion is placed beyond all doubt of the New Testament, quoted from, were in existence, and accepted as genuine and authentic when the quotations were made.

Celsus, a most bitter opponent of the Christian faith, to whom reference has already been made, makes more than eighty quotations from the New Testament. His whole argument proceeds from the concession that the book he quoted from was in existence, that it was accepted as genuine and was held as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Had it been otherwise, how quickly and how gladly would this bitter opponent of Christianity have attacked the authenticity of the New Testament Scriptures. The evidence of this Grecian philosopher and worshipper

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EDITORIAL

Thru Special Bulletin announcement we have learned of the serious illness of Brother J. W. Addington of Clinchco, Virginia. We sincerely regret that his ill health has necessitated his cessation of active duties for the time being. He is, as many know, editor of *The Morning Herald*, the Free Will Baptist paper of the state of Virginia. His health, according to the bulletin, has been impaired for about two years, and "a definite break in health has resulted: low blood, weakened nerves, and a general weakened condition," so the bulletin states.

We are hoping and trusting that Brother Addington's condition will improve and that he will be able to resume his duties soon again. Such a good church leader is greatly needed now to further the cause of the church, and to build up the kingdom of God. Let us hope that many of the Christian friends near and far will offer special prayer to God on Brother Addington's behalf.

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Frequently we receive correspondence from interested persons living in different states, expressing the need of Free Will Baptist evangelists to go to their towns to hold evangelistic meetings and to establish Free Will Baptist churches. Some of these communications are urgent appeals. They say, in many cases, that there are quite a number of Free Will Baptists who are living in their own towns, and since we have no churches in them, they are very desirous of seeing work established in them. Many of them prefer to remain Free Will Baptists, and to work with Free Will Baptists if such work could be organized.

This is a challenge to the Free Will Baptist Church to train men and women, raise mission funds, and send them out to such needy fields for the purpose of establishing Free

Will Baptist churches where the fields are white already to harvest. Such fields must not remain neglected in the future. The leadership of the church must arise, and demand that steps be taken to meet such calls. The established churches in the various states should seek to meet this challenge by launching campaigns to strengthen home mission work. Why continue to let whole-hearted Free Will Baptists in these neglected towns and cities go on neglected? Why remain indifferent to their call? The church that neglects home mission work, foreign missions, Christian education and the like, will eventually come to naught. God will give greater blessings to those who are willing to do greater services for His cause. That is what the Free Will Baptist church must do to be able to receive a greater blessing. It must spread out by showing a willingness to sacrifice some of its wealth and to busy itself with the performance of greater services for the Lord. The leadership of the church is responsible for the past neglect of its duty in this respect. It is also true that the leadership of the church will be responsible for what may be accomplished in the future in home mission work.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

PROSELYTING

Recently I walked up to the back of a preacher and he was trying to get a lady to leave the church where she was a member and join his church, however, the lady said to him, "I am pretty well satisfied with my church."

There are preachers who take a delight in proselyting. I have seen some who work harder to get a member out of some other church than they do to get a sinner saved.

In many instances such preachers and teachers are ignorant enough to believe that you can only be saved in their particular church. In other words you are a lost sinner in the other denomination. There are lost people in all churches—all denominations—but just joining some other church does not mean that you are saved by the act.

In general the Free Will Baptist do not specialize in robbing other denominations of their members. However, the Free Will Baptist church has been the victim of merciless robbing by others. This thought comes to me. When a preacher, or any one else, begs and persuades you to leave your church and go to his, he judges that you are not competent of making your choice; that you are a spineless, ignorant, lost sinner and needs his advice in church membership. Of course there are other cases when he wants you to join so as to get your support in the financial burdens of his church. There are a few who want your association and friendship for what it is really worth.

If after a person has heard the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist church, and is fully persuaded that it is his, or her choice, and they come to us of their own free will and accord; or if they come wanting advice or show signs of wanting to receive our help, that is all right. We should always be ready to welcome and help those who are seeking to know the truth, as set forth by our church. I have often given such advice as desired, and thank God many have been satisfied with the information and have become members of our church—both Protestants and Catholics have been brought into our church. But, if I were to go out and beg, persuade and keep right after a member of some other denomination to join my church, I would feel so everlastingly mean that I could not have the heart to face the pastor of that particular church and shake his hand and call him "brother." I know that I have made some mistakes, but God knows that I am not a hypocrite and the

fellow who is everlastingly working to get your members has but little self-confidence, or either he is a rotten hypocrite, when he calls you "Brother."

CRITICISM

I have learned that there are those who criticise when I write as I am writing and preach as I am forced to preach sometimes. But if some people, would not live as they live I would not have to preach as I preach and write as I write. If I was to write and preach differently, I would be a slacker in my Master's cause. Yea, even worse than a slacker, "I would be a traitor." But thanks be to God that with every criticism I find hundreds of God's children who "Pray God's blessings on "Notes and Quotes." I write only for the Glory of my Christ. Amen.

Saturday before the Third Sunday I had the pleasure of taking my wife to her old home church—Bethany in Pitt County. It was indeed a pleasure to meet with old friends. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Moye, very cordially invited me to preach which invitations I accepted gladly. May God continue to bless the work at this place.

Last week I was at Belhaven. Came here Monday evening the 22. I was here for only a week. Teaching the Bible at 10:30 a. m. and delivering evangelistic messages at the evening service. "Son" Clark, of Rockingham, is with me. He is making a great hit here with his solos and Piano renditions. "Son" is blind, as those who are acquainted with him know, but he is really an asset to the work. God is blessing. The work here is very small. Just a few members. There are a few here who are standing for the "Faith once delivered unto the saints." We want every one who reads these lines to get in touch with heaven, as quickly as possible, through prayer and pray God to bless abundantly the saints here.

"Where Art Thou?"

By J. Raymond Prosser,

Today Christianity has a greater challenge than ever before in its history. Nineteen hundred and forty years ago One came unto this world preaching brotherly love and relief, and gave proof of His divine authority with many wonderful works. He established no church, but gave His message in the synagogue and by the wayside, in the temple and by the seashore, on the mountain and in the king's palace, wherever people were gathered and would listen to Him.

He healed the sick, reformed the sinner, raised the dead, and left this message to all who would follow Him: "He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." And again he said, "I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." And again, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature . . . lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Why is the world plunged into "darkness and old night"? Is it not because we who claim to be His followers have refused to follow His teachings? Who is to blame for the present world conditions? Is it the countries which say "There is no God," or those who claim to be Christians but give little proof thereof?

What happened shortly after the crucifixion? The cry began, "I am of Paul; and I am of Apollos; and I am of Cephas; and I am of Christ," and has continued, until now we have over 300 different denominations, forgetting the Christ and fighting each other over non-essentials, some striving to dominate the world without giving the requisite proof, of the divinity of their teachings.

What must be done to again prove the omnipotence of God? From time immemorial those who have trusted God and followed His teach-

ings have given proof of this power. Think of the walls of Jericho which fell at His command. Follow the meek Moses in the strength of the Lord as he went down into Egypt and delivered his people from the cruelty of the Pharaohs. Were those cruelties any greater than the bombing and torpedoing of today?

Everyone of us would become a Moses, if we followed Jesus teachings in "Spirit and in Truth"—if we really became "believers" in Christ according to His definition given above. He said the time would come when we would no longer teach each other, but would all be taught by God. Are we ready for this demonstration? Are those of us who pray "Thy Kingdom come" ready for that perfection? Are we ready to prove that we are the image and likeness of God? by following His teachings and bringing forth the fruits thereof? Are we going to win this world for brotherly love, or turn it over to greed and hate?

Christians, we have a sacred duty to perform, an example to set before the non-believers of the power of God. Let us put on the whole armor of God as we sing Jane Borthwick's song:

*Now is the time approaching
By prophets long foretold,
When all shall dwell together—
One shepherd and one fold.*

*Now Jew and Gentile meeting
From many a distant shore,
Around one altar kneeling,
One common Lord adore.*

*Let all that now divides us
Remove and pass away,
Like shadows of the morning
Before the blaze of day.*

*Let all that now unites us
More sweet and lasting prove,
A closer bond of union
In a blest land of Love.*

—SELECTED.

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My Final Message

Dear Christian Friends:

As I attempt to frame this final message, words are rather a feeble means to express my gratitude for every blessing that has been made possible through your loyal support. Due to human limitation, these five years have been the most exciting and challenging of my life, but a great deal of the strain has been absorbed by the inspiration afforded by your co-operation. The most serious resources of my being impell me to say that, if there has been any degree of lasting success attained during my stay at the Institution, praise and adoration be to Him who died to make it possible.

In breathing the atmosphere of these last moments in my present capacity, I seal the little volume with a sincere prayer that God, for Jesus' sake, will forgive me for erring and prosper the wholesome intentions of all who have had any part in the furtherance of our Orphanage Program.

On May the fifteenth, I expect to clasp the hand of my successor, Rev. James J. A. Evans, and thereby delegate unto him all the honor and

authority of my office. I pray God that the supporters of the Home may be multiplied in a sufficient measure as to enable him to achieve the success that my dreams have embraced.

"The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

Humbly yours,

M. E. Tyson,
Pikeville, N. C.
(new address)



My First Message

Dear Readers of the Baptist:

In a few days after you read this article, I will be serving the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., as superintendent. I have the desire to do the best for the Institution at all times; in this you can help by supporting the cause with your means.

The Orphanage has enjoyed a few years of splendid prosperity under the retiring superintendent. He has done a good job. I am sure the people are going to make it pleasant for him on the field as pastor and evangelist.

The operating funds are running low just at this time, and I wish to appeal to you to send an offering, whether it be large or small, and we will greatly appreciate it. It is very important that the Home continue to operate on a cash basis.

I will do my very best with what you send the Orphanage in cash or provisions.

The concert class, as you know, will be sent out soon giving their program, but they will not be able to furnish the needed funds for the operation of the Orphanage during the summer. I want you to do all you can to make this the best year in the history of the class.

I shall be happy to have you visit the home real often and offer any suggestions you think will be helpful. If you can, it will be fine to visit the home this summer.

Please pray for us daily.

James A. Evans,
Superintendent-Elect

Prayer

(Radio Message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Secretary-Treasurer Foreign Mission Department of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Association, over WFTC April 25, 1940 at 8:30 a. m.)

I am happy for the privilege of speaking to you this morning on this program. I am glad for the great work being carried on by Brother Rice. Brother Rice, may God bless you richly in this work, and may many souls be added to His kingdom through this ministry, and many struggling Christians be drawn closer to Him, and be shown the blessedness of a more consecrated living and of a more conscientious service for their God. As we think of the thousands who are not privileged to hear the gospel preached in the churches, because of sickness or other causes beyond their

control, we praise God for the radio by which we can go into hundreds of homes with the good news of God for all people.

As we come into your home this morning with a message, will you pray that God will use it to get glory to His name?

I want to talk to you this morning on the subject, "Prayer." In Luke 11: 1 we find these words, which I want to use for a text, "And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Dr. Scofield says, "This is the central New Testament Passage on prayer." As we study this verse, and those which immediately follow, we find:

(1) Christ's example of a prayerful life. If I had the time it would be interesting to point out how constantly Jesus prayed. You might do well, in studying prayer, to observe how many times you can find when Jesus prayed, and under what circumstances.

(2) The second thing we learn from this passage, is that His disciples were awakened to the necessity of prayer and the desire of learning how to pray aright. One of the greatest prayers of Christians is, "Lord teach us to pray." We must remember that prayer is more than just uttering a group of words constructed into sentences. Some one has put it like this, "Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart" of a Christian. Some of the greatest prayers have never been uttered. The Psalmist once said, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, My Strength, and my Redeemer." "Prayer is the outgoing of the soul to God in appreciative companionship," said another.

(3) In the third place we have the model prayer. Christ immediately started the task of teaching His people how to pray. Teaching men how to pray acceptably to God was more of a task than we might think.

The people of pre-Christian times had clumsy ways of addressing their gods. Many heathen tribes had a ritual of religious worship and thus worked up their courage and gave their gods credit for the ability to go out and fight fearlessly. These systems were very much like those of the Pharisees. They burdened instead of lifted men. It was nothing short of a master's stroke for Christ to crash through the symbolism of the past and say, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name." Such a prayer will set your light aglow and will set a lighted lamp in every window of your soul—It will disperse the dark armies of doubt and marshal the shining forces of high resolve."

Jesus teaches us the necessity of self-denial in connection with prayer. A great preacher once said, "Prayer calls for more self-denial than any other form of spiritual work." This is perhaps because so much of our praying is in secret. What great moments are those when we are alone—just with God!

(4) Then next we have Christ's teaching of persistence in prayer. If the answer does not come at once, we are taught to ask again and again. This doctrine of persistence is not to be construed to mean that God has to be persuaded to listen to and to bless His people, but rather, to test our faith in our petitions and in God. God wants to teach us to hold on to Him and to depend on Him. We are strengthened more when the answer does come. David said, "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."—Psalm 40:1-3. Praying aright teaches us to wait for God's time of giving us His blessing. We appreciate God's gift to us more when we wait patiently for them.

(5) Finally, we are taught the benefits of prayer. Samuel Law once said, "Nothing so makes us love a man as praying for him." Our love for God, for His cause, and for humanity is surely increased greatly by prayer.

In Job 21: 15 is a question asked which is significant even in this age. That question is, "What profit should we have, if we pray unto Him?" Does prayer bring us any benefits? In seeking to find and follow the will of God for our lives, we should ask: "Is prayer profitable?" The answer to such questions is "yes."

Prayer will show us our true standing in the sight of God. The man who really prays will never be self-exalted. Prayer places us in a position where God can lift us up by our feeling of our own humility. Abraham Lincoln said, "Many times I have been driven to my knees when I had no place else to go."

Prayer develops the spiritual nature of a man. It enthrones the eternal which is in him. It helps him to see God more clearly. He understands when the answers to his prayers are delayed.

Prayer helps us solve our problems. How many times have we come to what seemed to be the end of the way? How many times do we fail to see any way out? We sit and pine and doubt and waste time. There is no problem that prayer will not solve. No way so dark or rough but that God will show us the way through, if we will but ask Him. We may, and often do fail to ask God to help us, but God never fails to answer when we pray in faith and in accordance to His will. Whatever your burden may be, whatever problem you may have, take it to God and let Him solve it.

"Lord, teach us to pray."

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.—Psalm 34: 15.

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Five

ENROLLMENT AND GRADING

By William E. Coville, CHAIRMAN,
National Sunday School Board

Point five of the proposed "Standard" is divided into three parts as follows: enrollment, grading, and quarters.

The enrollment of the school shall equal at least eighty per cent of the resident church membership exclusive of the Cradle Roll and Extension Department. This is the only one of the several requirements of the Standard that refers directly to enlargement and extension of the Sunday School. All of the other requirements deal with the school efficiency; that is, with what should be done for the member after he is enrolled.

We certainly recognize the fact that, in any prosperous business, the names of all members of the firm or business are listed. This includes executive officers as well as all other employees. Not only are the names of all persons listed but a brief history of each and every one is a matter of record. If this system of enrollment is a prerequisite to the success of the business in the commercial world, why then is it not just as necessary for the success of a business in the spiritual world? Let us briefly review some of the advantages of enrollment in our Sunday schools. The school should have a roll on which appears the names of every member. This is the first step toward an organization. If this first step has not already been taken, then we are just playing at the Sunday business from the standpoint of organization and expansion.

In the school that has on record the names, ages, sex, and spiritual history of everyone of the pupils, teachers, and officers we have a great field in which to work. It will not be a difficult task to build up the membership of the school to equal

at least eighty per cent of the resident church membership. *No Sunday School is fulfilling its mission unless it is reaching a large majority of the people who should attend it.*

From the names on roll we are enabled to ascertain the number and names of our church members who are not supporting the Sunday school. Our first effort should be to enlist every last one of our resident church members. We will be able to go about this work in a comprehensive manner because of the information that we have at hand. Our school will begin to grow in numbers and in interest and we will be inspired to the extent that we will have a desire to reach out and bring in new pupils. When once a school feels the urge to "launch out", and *this urge is founded on the desire to glorify Jesus*, not even Satan can retard its numerical and spiritual growth. Who would not be happy to work in a Sunday School of this type? The eighty per cent requirement would be reached and passed, and, hardly before we realized it, our Sunday school membership would exceed by far that of the church. What a field for harvest of lost souls we would then have!

"The Sunday school shall be graded as follows: Cradle Roll, birth to 3 years; Beginners, 4, 5 years; Primaries, 6-8 years; Juniors, 9-12 years; Intermediates, 13-16 years; Young People, 17-24 years; Adults, 25 years and over."

Grading is necessary for a more efficient Sunday School. Many schools that are not graded are doing a good work but, if all such schools were graded, they would do much better work. I challenge the ungraded schools to try it.

How shall we grade the Sunday School? This question is an old one and has been asked many times. Let us keep in mind the fact that we are dealing with a Sunday School and not with a Secular School. The needs of the Sunday school pupil are fourfold—the physical, the mental, the social, and the spiritual. We consider the first three needs for one purpose only; that is, to meet the

fourth which is the Spiritual need. The Sunday School exists for the purpose of meeting this fourth need.

Pupils of the same age, as a rule, have the same spiritual need. For this reason the sound basis for grading is the pupil's age.

With the pupil's age as the basis we will find that the first three needs are met.

The physical needs of pupils of the same age are almost identical. Usually they are all more or less concerned about their physical welfare and their interest in physical education is quite the same.

The mental needs of pupils of the same age vary but we must remember that the brightest pupils are not always the most spiritually minded. The pupil who has the mental capacity to learn a great mass of Bible facts, history, or geography is not always the one to grasp the great spiritual truths.

The social needs of pupils of the same age, whether children or adults, are, without question, the same.

Because of these facts and in addition to the fact that our Sunday school literature is graded, we conclude that the age basis is the only basis for grading a Sunday school. The task of teaching a class of pupils whose physical, mental, and spiritual needs are substantially alike becomes comparatively easy.

"Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors shall have separate quarters. This may be done by use of walls, portable screens, or curtains. At least fifty per cent of the remaining classes or departments have classrooms provided in the same manner as for the Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors."

It is not necessary to discuss the advantages of having separate classrooms in our Sunday Schools. The question for discussion is whether the advantages justify the cost. A one room church building can be easily and inexpensively converted into six or eight classrooms by using five or six wires and some curtains. This arrangement is not as desirable as separate rooms but it will prove

to be well worth the cost of six or eight dollars.

Enroll your members, grade your school, provide quarters for your classes, and your reward will be a greater and more efficient Sunday school for Jesus' sake.

Next Week—Point Six—

USE OF BIBLES

F. W. B. Orphanage Alumni Notes

*By W. H. Howell,
Alumni Secretary*

We are glad to announce the following definite plans for the home-coming at the Orphanage at Middlesex. Home-coming will be held for the first time in the history of the Home. It will be on Mother's Day which is the twelfth of May. We are hoping that the day will long stand out as an historic occasion in the life of the Institution.

We are very anxious that no one of you will miss it, for we have done all in our power to reach every former child of the Home. If you know of anyone whom we have not reached, please pass the good word on to them.

Plan Now to Attend

All former children seem to be very enthusiastic about the day, and say that they would not miss it for anything. Join the parade of former children and come to the F. W. B. Orphanage on May 12 for home-coming. We are expecting to meet you all. We would like to confine this meeting to former children and their families, so that we may spend our entire time talking over old times together. Remember, it will be *Sunday, May the twelfth*.

Program

The following program will be presented:

Saturday, May 11, will be registration of former children—
4:00 p. m.

Sunday, May 12—9.00 a. m.

Registration of late comers
10:00 a. m. General get-together
of all former children

11:00 a. m. Welcome Address by
John Linton

Address from President, by Robert Brewer.

Registration of honored guests
Presentation of speaker by Haywood Howell

Address by Rev. M. E. Tyson
Remarks from new superintendent, Rev. James A. Evans

1:00 p. m. Luncheon prepared by
Miss Velva Daughtery, Miss
Lucille Proctor, Thelma Mitchell, and Mr. Earl Tippet.

We extend a special invitation to each former child to come, and enjoy this first home-coming at the Orphanage. Come and help us to make it a success.

The Reverend James A. Collins

The Reverend James A. Collins of Alexander left his home and came to Asheville, and while here he was suddenly attacked with kidney and bladder trouble. He has suffered very severely since the attack came upon him. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment.

Reverend Collins underwent a very serious operation. His people and friends thought that he should have a special nurse, so Miss Margaret Goforth was assigned to nurse him. She said that he was one of the best patients that she had ever nursed. He stood his operation and has gotten along fine. The nurse stated that he was the most humble Christian that she had ever met.

Some of his friends have said that they have known him all of their lives, and that he has been preaching about thirty-five years. He has gone through rain, sleet, snow, and mud, etc. to fill his appointments when his church people thought he would not be there. He seems to have had his whole life wrapped up in the cause of Christ.

Some of the leading ministers

have said that they believed he had preached more sound gospel than any one man in North Carolina. Some of the Baptist ministers say that he knows more Bible by memory than any preacher they have ever met. He is loved by all denominations where he has preached.

Rev. Collins has preached without price and without money, and we feel that this man is worthy of double honor. He has friends in several states. The leading men of Madison, Buncombe, and Haywood counties think highly of him.

Mrs. Vance Jenkins,
West Asheville, N. C.

The WGTC Radio Bible Institute

Have you enrolled as a student of the above institute? If not, send your name and address to Rev. L. E. Ballard, Box 708, Greenville, N. C. who is the official secretary. State that you are interested in hearing the lectures that are to be given by Rev. D. A. Windham, who is an able Bible teacher.

How much will it cost you? *Nothing!* What will it profit you? *Much!* if you will listen and show an interest. Will it profit anything else? Yes, it will be a means of publicity to our denomination. Also, we trust that it will prove to be great glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

You that are ministers in our denomination, why not write a letter or card to the secretary showing that you are interested even if you will not be in hearing distance of the program. You are interested in the people that are in hearing distance, I am sure.

May God give us all grace to put forth effort and interest in every move that is progressive and constructive.

Yours in His Service,
Chester Pelt

*What thou shalt today provide,
Let me as a child receive;
What tomorrow may betide,
Calmly to thy wisdom leave;
'Tis enough that thou wilt care,
Why should I the burden bear?*

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Report of the Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle

By Mrs. E. C. Morris, President

The Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle of St. Paul, Elizabeth City, N. C. observed its fifth anniversary on April 15, in the home of its president, Mrs. E. C. Morris. A splendid program was rendered after which the annual report of the Circle was read by the secretary, Miss Geraldine Copeland, and the regular business transacted. The report showed that seven members had been active during the entire year, all of which were awarded a nice wall motto of friendship by the president. Two new members had been received during the year.

The number of chapters of the Bible reported having been read by the Circle during the year was 1,168. The number of sick visits were 693. There were 58 trays reported given and 38 had been given flowers. Two funeral designs had been given by the Circle during the year and six condolence cards sent to those in grief. The Circle observed the National Week of prayer jointly with the Ladies Aid Society and there were 36 who attended through the invitation of the Circle. \$18.20 was the amount of dues collected for the year, while \$83.66 was raised in other ways, making a total for the Circle during the year of \$101.86. The contributions to the cause during the year are as follows: \$2.50 for superannuation; \$4.00 for Christian Education; \$2.00 for the Orphanage; \$2.00 for Home Missions and \$4.20 for Foreign Missions. \$92.16 was used in the expenses of the local work. Our Circle is small, but we feel proud of the little that we are trying to do and hope to be able

to report a greater accomplishment another year.

At the close of the business session, the president received a nice handkerchief shower from the circle as a surprise, but really appreciated, then the circle was served ice cream, cake and roasted peanuts. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed the occasion.

Brilliant Aid Report

Brilliant Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. A. P. Leonard on April 16 with eight members and two visitors present. Mrs. Joe Hosmer and Mrs. A. P. Leonard had charge of the program which was very interesting, and uplifting to all.

We have twenty members on roll, and are praying that those who have been careless about attending will walk upright, and start coming regular. We will meet at the church each Tuesday evening after the second and fourth Sundays at 1:30 o'clock. We are all very much interested in helping to get a Free Will Baptist college built. We have collected and sent in \$10 already, and have the promise already of quite a bit more. If every Aid will help, we can have a great amount sent in before the fall.

Our Aid has been organized only six months. We made two quilts, one for our pastor and one for the orphan home. We have made several sick visits, have given clothes and food, and some money to the needy.

We are asking the prayers of all who read this that we may do more for the Lord this year than we have ever done in his kingdom work.

Mrs. Vester Hawkins, *Pres.,*

Mrs. Ollie Webster, *Rec-Secy.*

Sidney Aid Report

The Ladies Aid held its regular monthly meeting at the church. It was called to order by Mrs. Kate Roper, the president. The members sang the opening hymn and the Lord's Prayer was repeated by all present. The fifth Chapter of Revelation was read by the president, then we had sentence prayer. The roll was called with eleven members and three visitors present. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

The activities of the Aid were as follows: One dollar was presented to the Aid and it was sent to one of our members who has been operated upon in the hospital. We drew out \$7.25 to pay for work around the church. There were 375 chapters read in the Bible. We have made fifteen sick visits, and four vases of flowers have been taken to the sick.

All of the business being attended to, the meeting closed until May 16, 1940. Sister Cook pronounced the benediction. After the meeting closed the hostess served refreshments.

Laura Hill, *Cor.-Secy.*

Gum Neck Aid Report

The Ladies Aid held its meeting at the church on April 16, by the meeting being called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. Carrie Weatherly. The members sang as their opening song entitled, "Glory to His Name." Mrs. Clara Parrisher gave a very interesting talk on the "Risen Life of Christ."

Fifteen members were present, and we had with us Mrs. A. Sawyer from Hyde County, as a visitor. She, having heard of the good work which our Aid is doing, had a desire to be in one of our meetings. We were very glad indeed to have had her with us.

Our next meeting will be held on May 14.

Mrs. Amanda Parrisher, *Pres.,*
Mrs. Minnie Everton, *Secy.*

Report of Keith Missionary Society

The Ladies Missionary society of Keith Free Will Baptist church met on Monday afternoon, April 22. As the president, Mrs. Howard Bennett was absent, Mabel Singletary presided, opening the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes were read and approved. A report of the box supper was given, the proceeds of which were \$38.44. Then the roll was called and the members present answered to their names with the dues which amounted to \$1.25.

The lesson for the day was taken from Mark's Gospel 13: 14, which was taught by Mrs. Lillie Vaughn. The number of sick visits made, 11; bouquets sent, 2; trays carried, 24; chapters read in the Bible, 206; gallons of milk given to the needy, 45.

Mrs. Alice Conlee dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer.

Mrs. Clyde Maxwell

Program

Program of the N. C. Free Will Baptist State Auxiliary Convention, to be held at Bladenboro, N. C., May 23, 1940.

Song: "Jesus Calls Us."
Theme: "The Call to Service."

Morning Session

- 9:00—Devotions: Mrs. J. C. Griffin
- 9:15—Greetings: Mrs. D. J. Pait
Response: Mrs. M. L. Johnson
- 9:20—President's Message: Mrs. C. B. Thompson
- 9:25—Reading of Minutes: Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Secretary
- 9:35—Appointment of Committees
- 9:40—Departmental Reports
- 11:30—Talk by Superintendent of Orphanage: Rev. J. A. Evans
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions
- 1:10—Stewardship Contest
- 1:40—Mission Program: Mrs. J. H. Oglesby
- 2:00—Treasurer's Report
- 2:10—Report of National and State Delegates
Appointment of Delegates
- 2:20—Memorial Service: Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
- 2:40—Report of Committees
Presentation of Georgia Frost Barnes Banner for Extension Work
- 3:15—Installation of Officers by National President
Adjournment

By the Committee

Special Notice!

Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer of the State Auxiliary Convention, has checks for Rev. J. H. Whitley and Rev. W. R. Glover. Will these ministers or their friends give Mrs. Nobles the full and complete address of each, so she may be able to forward the checks to them.

Address:

Mrs. Herman Nobles,
Greenville, N. C.

The Antiquity and Genuineness of the Bible

(Continued from page three)

of the false gods of the Greeks is of the utmost importance. Seventy-eight years after the death of the beloved apostle John, he wrote and quoted from the New Testament as a genuine, authentic book.

The antiquity and the genuineness of the Bible is beyond all controversy. There are more than fifteen hundred prophecies in the Bible, covering a large range of subjects. Of these nearly seven hundred pertain to particular events, such as the destruction of Nineveh, Babylon, Tyre, Sidon, Jerusalem, the cities of

Egypt and the destruction and desolation of different lands and countries. A careful investigation shows that a large number of these prophecies have been fulfilled in the minutest detail. So remarkable has been the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Bible concerning the ancient cities and countries that one scarcely needs to read more than the prophecy to become acquainted with the history of the places which were made the subject of prophecy. Surely in these cases one may say that prophecy is history and history is fulfilled prophecy. Before one jot or tittle of the Law shall fail, heaven and earth shall pass away. The Bible is absolutely genuine and steadfast.

P. S.—It has been my privilege to read Rev. D. A. Windham's timely address on the "Inspiration and Authenticity of the Bible." This will be the initial address of a series of Biblical subjects which Rev. Windham contemplates delivering on the air in a few weeks when the radio station at Greenville is completed and operation shall have begun.

Brother Windham has selected for his introductory address a subject of vast importance. He's devoting much time and effort on his address which he hopes will be of much interest and profit to his radio audience. Tune in at the proper time when the announcement is made. The speaker will be at his best, and his friends will appreciate hearing the different addresses on different Bible subjects.

The Lord hath comforted his people and will have mercy upon his afflicted.—Isaiah 49: 13.

*Our God will every want supply,
And fill our hearts with peace;
He gives by covenant and by oath,
The riches of his grace.*

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy on me. Psalm 4: 1.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Jeremiah Denounces False Prophets

(Lesson for May 19)

Lesson: Jeremiah 23: 21-32.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good*" (1 Thessalonians 5: 21).

A Jewess of wealth and position, noticed an advertisement of some article which she fancied, that would accompany the purchase of a Bible. She sent the order, for the sake of the article which she wanted, and tossed the unwanted Book aside; but in an idle hour, later, picked it up and turned its pages. The New Testament was unfamiliar, and she glanced at it curiously becoming interested before she knew.

She fought against unbelief, but it gradually forced itself upon her, and she found herself in deep trouble. Confessing her faith meant the loss of property and home, the heart break of father and mother, even separation from her husband, but she could not remain silent.

All she feared was threatened in those awful days, but, because they loved her, and to prove to her her error, her family also read the despised Gospel. Earth's unending miracle was repeated; they found what she had found—Christ, the Messiah—and looked wonderingly into one another's faces, a Christian household.—*Glad Tidings*.

Please remember that the Bible is the only book that can tell us what is good.

I. HOME WORK

1. How does Jesus describe the outward appearance and the inward character of false prophets? (Matthew 7: 15).

2. What was the Old Testament

test of a false prophet? (Deuteronomy 13: 1-5).

3. At what time in the world's history are we to expect the presence of many false prophets? (Matthew 24: 11, 24; Mark 13: 22).

4. What was the particular mark of false apostles in Paul's day (2 Corinthians 11: 13-15).

5. How may we determine whether a teaching is of God, or not? (1 John 4: 1-3).

6. What became of the false prophet who withstood Jeremiah? (Jeremiah 23: 1-17).

7. What were some of the sins of the false prophets, both in Israel and in Judah? (Jeremiah 23: 13, 14).

8. What is God's word concerning the false prophets? (Jeremiah 23: 15, 34).

9. Why will it be impossible for any false teacher to escape punishment? (Jeremiah 23: 24, 25; Psalm 139: 7-12).

10. What kind of teachers has the Lord promised to give His people in the future? (Jeremiah 23: 4).

11. Be sure to read 1 Kings 13. Then study all the notes in our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies. Remember that the Devil had counterfeit prophets and teachers in Old Testament times just the same as today.

II. THE DETRIMENT OF FALSE TEACHERS

1. This lesson reveals *God's hostility to false prophets*. Note the threefold "Behold, I am against the prophets" (Jeremiah 23: 30, 31, 32). Since God is righteous He cannot for one moment countenance anything that is false. He is not blind to the evil men do. He fills the whole universe and no evil escapes His omniscient eye (vs. 23, 24). Nothing is secret to Him (Ps. 44: 21). He exposes those who declared that in their dreams God had revealed His secrets unto them (Jeremiah 23: 25, 32). They were false because (1) God had not sent them nor spoken

to them (vs. 21). (2) They told deliberate falsehoods (vs. 25). It was not the Word of the Lord they declared, but the "deceit" of their own heart" (3) They stole the Truth (vs. 30) from the true Prophets mixing falsehood with it even as false teachers do today. (4) They libeled God by saying "He saith" (vs. 31). By their falsehoods they caused Israel to continue in its sin (vs. 17); to forget God (vs. 27); to err, to go astray (vs. 32). Therefore God's hostility will be shown *in judgment*—"I will even punish that man and his house" (vs. 34).—A. H.

2. Parents sent their son to school to prepare for Christian ministry. The boy returned an infidel thru false teachings. False teachers led in causing Jesus' crucifixion, Stephen's martyrdom, and Paul's sufferings and death. Criminals may murder one's loved ones, but they cannot harm the soul that lives forever. False teachers can be used to prevent the soul's salvation. They do greater harm than vile criminals.—W. M.

3. "A century ago an infidel German countess, dying, ordered that her grave be covered with a solid granite slab; that around it should be placed blocks of stones, and that the whole be fastened together by strong iron clamps, and that on the stone be cut these words: 'This burial-place, purchased to all eternity, must never be opened.' Thus she defied the Almighty. But a little seed sprouted up under the covering, and the tiny shoot found its way through between two of the slabs, and grew there slowly and surely until it burst the claps asunder, and, lifting the immense blocks, the structure, ere long became a confused mass of rock, along which, in verdure and beauty, grew the great oak which had caused the destruction."

False teachers should heed verses 30-32 of this lesson.

How Mother would enjoy a Baptist subscription! *There's still time!*

Home-Coming at Smith's New Home

There will be a home-coming day observed at Smith's New Home Church in Lenoir County, on the fourth Sunday in May, (the 26th). The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets of good things to eat.

All former pastors, friends and members of the church are requested to be present and enjoy the day together.

Rev. N. D. Wiggs, *Pastor*

Letter from McAdamses

We are glad to report that we had a wonderful week with Sister Franklin and her church. On the last Sunday we had three services and a splendid dinner was spread on the church lawn. After dinner some enjoyed a special song service, and at three o'clock the special dedication message was delivered by Elder H. M. McAdams.

When all saw the fire burning the old notes, they rejoiced, for every dollar of indebtedness on the church was paid. Sister Franklin is doing a fine work with the Fellowship Church. Sister Reed is also adding much to the work with the splendid musical talent.

We also visited our Quarterly meeting and the Women's District convention. As we passed through Bryan, we drove by to see the new Free Will Baptist church which Brother Davidson and others are rapidly building. We thank God for our good workers in Texas and the way the work is growing. We are asking that all who read this to pray for the work in Houston and in Huntsville, Texas.

We are now in St. Louis, Missouri. We arrived yesterday. We have had two services with splendid interest. Brother Mark Lewis is pastor and is doing a good work. Please pray for us here that the Lord will give us a wonderful revival with many souls for our hire, and a new church building. There are so many needy friends and the

workers are so few. Our address while here is 2043A Sidney Street,

Yours for Jesus,

M. M. and Lizzie McAdams

The Golden Rule

as paraphrased for

MOTHER'S DAY,

A. D. 1940

Whatsoever ye would that others should do for your mother if you were killed in battle, your mother bombed from home and driven mid-winter, penniless, into exile in a strange land, or if, in our own land, your mother were an innocent victim of financial reverses, unemployment and economic maladjustments, and

Whatsoever your mother would do for other mothers in such circumstances if she had opportunity;

Do ye even so, in her name and in her honor for other mothers, whose husbands and sons have been killed, whose ancestral homes have been destroyed, who have been robbed and deported into distant lands; or, if preferred, for mothers in our own land, who, in their old age are suffering for lack of the necessities of life.

"FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS"

—IN "GOLDEN RULE FELLOWSHIP"

Your Mother, My Mother, All Mothers

Myriads of mothers, bereft of husbands, sons and loved ones, are home refugees in Poland, Roumania, Palestine and China. [*In China alone, the number of refugees is estimated from 40 to 60 millions.*]

Millions of little children are fatherless and motherless, as well as homeless, in the war-stricken zones of Europe and Asia.

Until recently most of them were

as contented and happy in their family circle as we are, but they did not have two great oceans to protect them from enemy planes and invading armies.

Today their very lives and their hope for the future depend upon Golden Rule Charity from America and other lands happily free from the scourge of war.

—IN "GOLDEN RULE FELLOWSHIP."

Request for Prayer

Rev. Horace C. Ballard, a young evangelist preacher, licensed by the Free Will Baptist Church requests the earnest prayers of all his denomination, and all others. He will appreciate any other help from the ministers or other friends.

His address is Weaverville, N. C.

Notice!!

To Ladies Aids and Other Auxiliary Societies:

The New Record Books for your Secretary and Treasurer are in stock and we are filling orders promptly. They make your records complete.

These books are made up to serve a Society for a period of Five years. So, in the end the cost will be very moderate and you will be enabled to keep a complete record of your work.

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Notice

To those who are planning to attend the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention at White Oak Church, Bladenboro, N. C., on May 23, 1940; that is to say, all who are planning to come the day before and to spend the night will please notify Mrs. D. J. Pait of Bladenboro of this fact.

Those coming by the way of Elizabethtown will follow State Highway number 41 west to Dublin, and turn to the left on number 410 which leads to Bladenboro. The church is on Highway number 211 leading to Lumberton. Those coming by the way of Lumberton will take Number 211 east to Bladenboro.

Yours truly,

Rev. M. L. Johnson, *Pastor*

"Spreading Out"

E. W. Mitchell,
Summerville, Ga.

It has been almost four years since I met a Free Will Baptist except when visiting Alabama City, Alabama. It has been almost that long since you readers were bothered with my writing.

Because there is no Free Will Baptist church near, I united with another denomination, but I am full of Freewillism. I became so hungry I recently subscribed to the paper and am somewhat surprised to find names of boosters I used to see printed.

Sometimes I am made to wonder why the denomination does not "spread out." I sincerely believe the doctrine is more in accord with the scripture than any doctrine I know of. I am confident that 65 percent of the people of today will endorse the Free Will Baptist doctrine, so why should we not be spreading out instead of drawing up. I once knew a delegation inquiring where a certain church was located, and people within less than

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ium on which the F. W. Baptists could spread out.

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(Radio Message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Secretary-Treasurer Foreign Mission Department of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Association, over WPTF on "Your Daily Devotional Program," April 15, 1940, 7:15 a. m.)

Because so many unsaved people have asked me to tell them how they can be saved, I am using for my subject this morning just that simple phrase, "How to Be Saved."

Many honest, sin-sick souls are asking the same question the Philippian jailor asked, "What must I do to be saved?" The instructions given by Paul and Silas to this sin-troubled man were both brief and simple, but he understood them and was saved. "And they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.' And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." Here we have an example of how lost men should be pointed to an all-sufficient Saviour. They not only told him he must believe on Christ, but they spake unto him the word of the Lord. The gospel is the most powerful thing in the world to show men how to be saved—if not indeed the only thing, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Before going further with this question, may we try to fix in our minds just what we mean by "being saved." The unsaved man is described as the "natural man," and is unable to "see" or "enter into" the kingdom of God. No matter how gifted, moral, or refined the natural man may be, he is absolutely blind to spiritual truth and unable to enter the kingdom of heaven; for he can neither obey, understand, nor please God.

Salvation is not a reformation of the nature, but the creative act of the Holy Spirit, "for in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." The condition of salvation is faith in a crucified Christ. Through salvation the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature and the life of Christ.

Next I want us to notice *Who Needs To Be Saved*. Since "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," we must conclude at once that it is sin that separates us from God, and it is sin that will keep us from Him in eternity. "For the wages of sin is death."

In Rom. 4: 12 we read, "So then everyone of us will give account of himself to God." Every portion of the Bible recognizes man's accountability to God. The solemn thought that we are accountable to God should be present with us at all times, exerting its influence over our lives. How differently multitudes would live daily if they were not forgetful of the important truth of their accountability to God. Men may forget, but God will not forget man's sins which are unforgiven. As in death we shall be in judgment. No change takes place after death. Judgment publishes the life before death. So then there is no question but that all should come to Christ and be saved from *all* their sins.

We come now to a very important subject in our request for salvation. Many, doubtless, have asked and are asking, "Who is able to save me from sin and its awful consequences? Who accomplishes this work of salvation?" It is effected by divine agency. No man on earth has power to forgive sins. The blood of Christ alone can cleanse the soul. The Spirit of God alone can make man anew. Jesus alone has the power to save from sin and death.

In Acts 4: 12 we read, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." So you see if you are saved you must be saved by the power and through the name of Christ.

There have been many substitutes for the new birth advanced to the world, but nothing else has ever been found that satisfies either the sin-sick soul of a lost man, or God. God sent His own precious Son into the world for the express purpose of saving the lost, and He gave Him power while on earth to save those who would have salvation. When Christ died He left His blood, in order that when he was applied, by the Holy Spirit it would cleanse the soul from every sin. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Again you ask, "Is Christ willing to save me from my sins?" Since the purpose of Christ's coming to the world was to seek and to save the lost, why should you doubt His willingness to carry out His purpose and that of His Father in heaven? Christ loved man and came into the world and died on the cross to save him.

Yes, my Saviour, is willing to be your Saviour too. He is the only one to whom sinners can go for He is the way, and the truth and the life: and no man can come to the Father but by Him.

He gives an invitation for all to come with their burden of sin and find rest in Him, and He promises, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

Then, lastly, let us consider briefly another question you are probably asking, "What can I do to be saved?" In answer to that question I give

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EDITORIAL

Rev. James A. Evans, the new superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, entered upon his duties of the Home, beginning May 15. We are indeed glad to see Bro. Evans assume the duties as superintendent, following Brother M. E. Tyson. We feel sure that Brother Evans will make a splendid director at the Orphanage. We consider him qualified for this position, and will prove to be an efficient man for the work.

Moreover, may we expect that the churches will give their loyal support to the Home under his leadership, just as they did in a splendid way during the years that Brother Tyson directed the work of the Institution. It is natural for everyone to suppose that the new superintendent is expecting the hearty co-operation of the ministry and the laity in this great work. The progress and efficiency of the Orphanage during the coming years will be measured by the kind of support which the church people will give it, therefore, we are hoping to see a fine spirit of co-operation manifested by the pastors and the people for the success and growth of the Institution. Now is the time to begin renewed zeal and support of the Home at the beginning of the new superintendent's official duties.

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The outlook for church extension, in several places where the Free Will Baptist church as a denomination is operating, is beginning to be seen in different states. For example, Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, is a splendid city for the establishment of a Free Will Baptist church. From reports obtained from reliable sources, there are quite a number of Free Will Baptists living in the city.

We are glad to note the fact that arrangements have recently been made for a revival meeting which is

to begin in Raleigh on May 20, and continue for several days. Rev. Chester Pelt of Greenville, N. C., and others will have charge of the meeting. It will be held in the Central Methodist church which is located on the corner of Morgan and Person Streets, and just two blocks from the Capitol Square. We understand that this church has been recently made vacant by the Methodist people who are desirous of selling it to the Free Will Baptist denomination. It would be splendid if a good work could be established in Raleigh, and that this church building, or some other suitable property, could be purchased at a fair price. May the interest and outcome of the revival reveal worthwhile results and possibilities of an organization of a Free Will Baptist work in that city in the near future. As there are several stirring Free Will Baptist churches, with large congregations in them, within the radius of twenty-five miles of Raleigh, let us hope that many of the members and friends of these churches will attend the revival, and show an interest in the success of the meeting. Such interest and co-operation with Bro. Pelt and others who are sponsoring the meeting would be greatly appreciated by them. It is hoped also that the Free Will Baptists living in Raleigh will take advantage of this revival and give their presence and interest by attending every service possible, and invite their friends to attend the services with them. May the Lord greatly bless the meeting there and may a good work be started that shall grow into great success through the years.

*He ever lives to intercede,
Before his Father's face;
Give him, my soul, thy cause to plead,
Nor doubt the Father's grace.*

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Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

GOOD NEWS

Recently at the close of a series of meetings a young man came and said, "I want you to pray for me." The young man was earnest and honest in his request. So, the other day I received a letter saying, "I know that you will be happy to learn that I have given my heart to Jesus and have joined the church." Praise the Lord for this good news.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

It is an evident fact that God is the same today as of old. He never changes. However, God changes His dealings with man to meet the demands of each age, according to the righteousness of man, but He, himself, "is the same yesterday, today, and forever." The God, who heard Elijah, Daniel and thousands of His old prophets, and the apostles of the Lord Jesus, is answering prayer in the "old-fashion way" when we meet God's demand, honestly, with faith, doubting nothing. God has so wonderfully heard and answered our prayers of late.

THE IGNORANCE OF THE FLESH

Recently I tried to talk with a man—a traveling man—who thought that he could interpret God's word from the ability of the natural man.

The poor fellow was pitiful. He was self-confident. This poor fellow was wise, according to his own mind, but he was not saved. The poor fellow thought that man could understand the Bible by man's own power. Listen, you who know not God in the pardon and forgiveness of sin, here is what Paul said, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2: 14). No man can "high-hat" the Spirit of God and be able to discern and understand God's truths as set forth in the Bible.

SOME IF'S

If you want to join a church for its natural resources, you cannot afford to join the Free Will Baptist. If you are looking for popularity you had better not join the Free Will Baptist church. If you are desirous of making a "big hit" and getting the applause of the press and the news correspondents you better stay out of the Free Will Baptist church. If you want to belong to a church that is large in membership, and that one that puts a great deal of stress on the social side of life you cannot afford to unite with the Free Will Baptist church. If you want "easy sailing" to make the church go, you are not looking for the Free Will Baptist church. If you think more of "super rooms" than "upper rooms," you cannot find much to do in the Free Will Baptist church. However, if you want to really serve with the church that believes the *whole Bible* and a church that stands for the Gospel of Jesus Christ without a compromise—a church where sacrifice is called for—a church that has great opportunities for helping to save the world—a part of the lost—from the powers of "communism" modernism and worldliness,—a form of godliness" minus the power of God—and to be among those who have their lamps "trimmed and burning" when the Lord Jesus comes again, and you really mean business, then the Free Will Baptist church will be a fine place for you to work.

PRAY FOR THE BRIDGETON MEETING

When you get to see these lines the meeting at Bridgeton will be going by the help of the Lord. Sister Georgie Frost Barnes will be conducting the singing. Your servant will be preaching. And we are praying that God will be blessing. Will you pray to that end? Will you do it before you lay this paper down? Will you believe that God answers prayer? Send a message off to God right now, please.

Revival at Ayden

Rev. M. E. Tyson, retiring Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, will begin a series of revival services at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church Sunday night, May 26. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Moye, and the church, extend a cordial invitation to all the friends of Brother Tyson and the church to attend as many of the services as possible. The services will continue through a full week, and the public is heartily invited to attend. We look forward to a splendid revival.

Revival at Kinston



Rev. M. E. Tyson

A series of revival services will get under way at the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church Sunday night, May 19th with Rev. M. E. Tyson of Middlesex preaching. The services will run for two weeks with a service each night at 8:00 o'clock.

The pastor of the church, R. P. Harris, extends an invitation to all residing in the vicinity of Kinston to attend the services. Special mus-

sic will be a feature throughout the entire campaign.

R. P. Harris, *Pastor*

The Birth of Christ

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, the world did not celebrate His birth, but Heaven did. God illuminated the skies. Heaven sent forth herald angels to proclaim the good news and lighted the Star of Bethlehem to guide the Wise Men. They saw the place where the mighty God was being cradled in a manger. The Lord of life and glory descended from Heaven and agreed to be born among the beasts of the stall, that he might redeem a sin cursed world. The birth of Jesus Christ is the most wonderful of all births. The modern scientists of the twentieth century are at sea when they try to reason away the incarnation of the God in man and the mysterious birth of the Son of God by the Virgin Mary. The good news was the most fitting to be sung by angels, and all the more, because redemption glorifies God in the sight of the holy angels. Christ's mother was a poor woman. A stable was His birthplace, a manger was His cradle, and straw was His bed. These dark humiliations, like the spots on the face of the sun, were lost in a blaze of glory.

Dear reader, do we conscientiously join the Angel host for their praise for His unspeakable gift? It is fitting and appropriate that the whole world should proclaim Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace good will toward men.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof fadeth away, but the word of the Lord endureth forever. This is the word which, by the Gospel, is preached unto you. May the unsaved see their lost and ruined condition and accept Christ, the Savior, before it is too late.

This is my prayer.

Belvin Willis,
Stacy, N. C.

Lowlands and Hilltops

By L. Everette Ballard

Greenville, N. C., May 6, 1940—I have just returned from a few days visit in the mountains, and, in keeping with the promise made our editor, am submitting a few briefs picked up along the way.

SWANNANOVA CHURCH—I talked with a number of the members of the church at Swannanoa, and was told that the experiment of having a full time pastor is working out there fine. Rev. A. B. Lowery is now serving the church full time, and living in Swannanoa. The people are supporting him in excellent style. We were told that the church has been seated at a cost of around \$1,000, all of which has been paid.

UNION VALLEY, WEAVERVILLE—The Union Valley Church at Weaverville has gone on half time this year, with Rev. B. E. Guthrie as pastor. This church, one of the oldest in the French Broad Association, has always been just a monthly church, but has made good progress during the past few years and the plan of having two Sundays each month is reported to be working out fine.

BIBLE LECTURE IN ASHEVILLE. We had the privilege of delivering our Bible lecture on the Life of Christ, and showing the pictures in full colors illustrating the lecture on Wednesday night at the French Broad Avenue Baptist Church, through the courtesy of Dr. J. R. Owen, pastor. This was the only showing in Asheville of the pictures, and a number of the members of the Horney Heights Church and of the New Hope Mission (former pastorates) came over to be with us. On Thursday we attended a meeting of the Mission workers, and had splendid fellowship.

MINISTERIAL CHATS—Among the ministers of our faith whom we happened to run into for brief chats while in Asheville were Rev. J. A. Martin (oldest minister of the F. B. Association) who is still "going strong" pastoring three churches;

Rev. Carrol Fowler, who succeeded us at Horney Heights, who reports hopefully of the work there; Rev. Linzie Howell, pastor of the Asheville Church, attendance very good, better expected with warm weather; Rev. A. P. Rich, pastor of the Canton Church, who reports a revival now in progress with Rev. A. B. Lowery doing the preaching. This congregation recently completed a new building. Rev. Andrew Davis, pastor of the Barnardsville Church, told us that this church seems to be taking on new life. Our brother in the flesh, Rev. H. C. Ballard, is engaged in a revival in Waynesville. He reports a good meeting in progress.

A SHADOW—While we were in Asheville Bro. Lonnie Sluder (Brother of Rev. Ervin Sluder, and for years an active Free Will Baptist layman) was accidentally killed by a mule. He was buried at Mountain View on Tuesday afternoon. His loss will be keenly felt both by his church and the association.

EVANGELISTIC CONVENTION—Together with Rev. W. L. Moretz we stopped over in Raleigh Friday and attended a session of the State Convention of Business Men's Evangelistic Clubs. The address and other features were inspiring. We met a number of prominent lay workers from the various denominations, and were well received as representatives (unofficial) of the Free Will Baptist Church.

News from Georgia

Dear Readers of the Baptist:

It has been sometime since I have written to the Baptist paper. I have not had the time. For the last four months I have carried on a radio program at 8:15 a. m. Eastern Standard Time here in Thomasville, Georgia. It was six days per week. Then, I was busy at night preaching from 12 to 80 miles away. I preached at different churches in different associations.

I have been trying to awaken the Georgia people to our needs. In March we put up the tent in Difton,

Florida, and ran a meeting about fifteen nights. We raised near two hundred dollars the last night on the church. They are in this building now, and like only about \$65 having it paid for. They have a full-time pastor, have a Sunday School and a League and Ladies Aid society. They are on fire for God. Their pastor is a graduate of Norman Park Junior College. They had pastored for several years, then backslid. But he came back to the Lord during the meeting, and the people called him to pastor the church.

I conducted a meeting for two weeks in Pelham, Georgia, and left a number of believers without a church. We had to leave on the account of previous engagements of meetings. There are fields white to harvest for the Free Will Baptist church if we can only send laborers unto them.

We have made the greatest sacrifice of our lives since we have been here, but we have made hundreds of friends for the Free Will Baptist church. Hundreds have written in, and have said that our programs over the radio have meant much to them. Some had never heard a Free Will Baptist speak before. Two ladies called by long distance this morning, after I had finished preaching, and said that the program had been a great blessing to them. They said that they had never heard a Free Will Baptist before this program. They wanted to know if it was for the lack of finance that I was going off the air in two more weeks. I told them that it was partly that, but the other reason was that I would be out of the city. Some friends have asked me to let our people know through the press about this state work. But we have so many people who say that a fellow is tooting a big horn if he is doing something worthwhile, and if he is not doing they censure him for laziness. Too many of the people are critical until I have been tempted not to write again. But for the sake of the interested ones I will write nevertheless.

Our friends have kept this program on the air for four months,

and now I am starting on the fifth month. If we will tell our people what we want them to do. Instead of criticising them for what they don't do, I believe more will be done. There is plenty room for us to grow. Will you be a Caleb or a Joshua?

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

K. V. Shutes

P. S.—Thomasville, Georgia, will be our address for the year I suppose, but we will be out of town in meetings after two weeks.—K. V. S.

Revival in Raleigh

Date: May 20 to May 25

REVIVAL WILL BE IN THE
INTEREST OF THE Free
Will Baptist in
RALEIGH

You remember the article you read in *The Free Will Baptist* published on March 20, 1940 on page 11 entitled "A Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh." If you have not read this article, get a paper and read it so that you may be familiar with the project.

The church building mentioned in the paper is made of brick. It is known as the Central Methodist Church and is located on the corner of Morgan and Person Streets, just two blocks from the capitol building. Recently we have been able to secure this building for a revival in the interest of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Raleigh. If the proper interest is manifested by our Free Will Baptist people, especially the ministers, this building will be bought for our denomination. We are praying that God may move His people.

I have written a card or letter to every ordained minister in the Western Conference asking his support and urging him to be present at least one night during the week. We urge everyone that can possibly be there from other Conferences to attend these services. There will be special music rendered every night. If you cannot be with us pray for us. It would help much if you would

write a card or letter showing that you are interested in a progressive work.

We wish to express our appreciation to those who have written in already, we want to thank Brothers M. L. Hollis of Tupelo, Mississippi, and E. C. Morris of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Brother Hollis pledges his support as the chairman of the National Home Mission Board, and he pledges \$100.00 if the other members of the board are willing to cast a favorable vote. Brother Morris writes, "I am interested in a church in Raleigh for the Free Will Baptist for many reasons and especially because I have two children living there who do not have a Free Will Baptist Church to attend." We thank him for a \$10.00 pledge.

We are asking God to raise up others in this great work. If the Spirit of God speaks to you concerning this church in Raleigh, will you act?

Chester Pelt,
Greenville, N. C.

Union Meeting Report

The Second Union of the Western Association met with Free Union Church in Nash County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March.

After the usual devotional exercises, the moderator called the Business to order. Then the committees were appointed: Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Finance, Orphanage and Appropriation.

Then the list of churches was called and fourteen represented, with delegates and contribution amounting to \$33.00. We had a 100 percent representation. The list of ministers was called and J. B. Ferrell, B. B. Richardson, Dee Bisette, J. Frank Parrish, J. C. Varnell (Licentiate), Thomas E. Beaman. Visiting minister from Cape Fear Association were present.

At eleven o'clock Rev. J. B. Ferrell, brought a wonderful message. Then one hour was given for lunch. On the account of rain, lunch was served in the house, and the local Ladies Aid served Ice Tea.

Afternoon

Song and Prayer was offered. Then the Committees made their reports.

Appropriation committee reported to give adopted child at the orphanage \$12.50, \$5.00 each to disabled ministers, and balance left in the treasury. Petitions were received from Flood's Chapel, Milbournie, and Mt. Zion for next union, and by majority vote, the next union will meet with Flood's Chapel, Nash County, near Bailey, N. C. on N. C. Route No. 95 at 9:30 o'clock.

The union closed with praise and benediction by Brother N. E. Strickland.

T. W. Stancil, *Moderator,*

Rev. J. Frank Parrish, *Clerk*

A Word about the Orphanage Work in Texas

A little more than 2 years ago we started a fund to build a Free Will Baptist orphanage somewhere in Texas. I am sure we will agree that we need a Home like some others in our great state, but it will take the best there is in us all to build the Home. Therefore, as treasurer of this fund, I am calling for the cooperation of every church, and every pastor in the state to help.

There have already come in some fine contributions, but we will have to keep on contributing if we ever have enough to build the Home. Therefore, get busy and send your contributions, one and all, and let us make our dreams come true. I know the need for a Christian school is great, and some of our mission fields are struggling for a place to live, but if we had an orphanage, it would add strength to our ranks in life.

I remain yours in the Lord's work,

T. W. Smith,

Clayton, Texas

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A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Six

USE OF BIBLES

By William E. Coville, CHAIRMAN,
National Sunday School Board

Point six of the proposed "Standard" requires that, "Eighty percent of pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance above the Primary class or department shall use their Bibles in Sunday School.

The Bible shall be used. There is a great difference in the meaning of the terms "Bible brought" and "Bible used." The Six Point Record System, as previously outlined in point four, offers ten credits to those who bring their Bibles to Sunday School but the "Standard" requires that the Bibles be used. The Six Point Record System is the pupil's plan. The "Standard" is the school's plan. These two plans complement each other and are mutually helpful.

The responsibility for the use of the Bible in the Sunday School rests upon the pastor, superintendent, and teacher. Only the responsibility of bringing the Bible rests upon the pupil. If all the pupils were to bring their Bibles to Sunday school and no opportunity be given to use them, the requirement could not be met and the real blessing of the Sunday school work would be minimized. The use of the Bibles in the Sunday School is just as necessary and important as the use of Bibles in the home or even in the pulpit. Pastors, superintendents, and teachers—I urge you to give the Bible its rightful place in the Sunday school and to allow nothing to take it's place!

The Bible is the pupils textbook. It is the *only* textbook used in the Sunday School. It is the *only* textbook needed. Our Free Will Baptist quarterlies are good lesson helps, but they should never be allowed to supplant the Bible.

If the lost pupils in the Sunday

Schools are led to study the Bible, it will make them "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3: 15). Our responsibility, as Sunday school leaders, is to bring the lost of our schools in touch with the Bible and inspire them to study it.

The proper use of the Bible by those who are saved will make them stronger and greater Christians—it is the Christian's food." I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up." (Acts 20: 32). The church school should be a school of real Bible study; both for the purpose of directing the lost to Christ and building up and making strong those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

The study of God's Word is the Christian's weapon of defense, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119: 11). It is also the Christian's weapon of offense, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Yes, the study of the Bible is the Christian's most reliable instrument for a Godly life.

The Bible is the only tool the teacher has which carries an iron-clad guarantee. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (Isaiah 55: 10, 11). What a wonderful blessing the Lord promises the teacher who will study and teach the Bible.

How shall we use the Bible in Sunday School? I am sure we are in accord as to the spiritual advantages in the use of the Bible in Sunday School so let us now consider the practical side of the question.

The superintendent should constantly urge that the Bible be used by the teachers and pupils through-

out the school. As the head of the school he should lead in this good work. He should bring his Bible to Sunday school and use it. Others will follow his example. The superintendent should use the Bible in his program every Sunday. There are many ways of having the Bible used attractively at the beginning and close of the program. The superintendent should frequently assign, in advance, the reading of the Scripture to a pupil or class. Pupils will bring their Bibles to Sunday School if a way is made to use them.

The use of the Six Point Record System will prove one of the most effective ways of having the Bibles brought to Sunday school, but the responsibility for the extent which they are used rests upon the superintendent and teachers. This bringing of his own Bible by the pupil becomes a constant demand upon the teacher to provide for it's use.

The teacher may provide many ways for the use of the Bible. Refer often to the Bible, read short passages, have some of the pupils read from the Bible, settle all arguments by referring to God's Word, assign references for "home work" and in the case of boys and girls, have them to memorize passages from the Bible.

Point eight of the proposed Standard requires that a monthly officers and teachers' meeting shall be held. Teachers should be trained in the use of the Bible. The monthly meeting may be made a very interesting and profitable meeting if officers and teachers will come together and offer each other suggestions and tell of their experiences relative to the use of the Bible in their respective classes.

The Bible is God's Word. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119: 105). It is the *only* Sunday School textbook. His Word can be a blessing to us as it was to the Psalmist, if we, as Sunday school officers, teachers, and pupils will bring it to Sunday School and use it.

Next Week—Point Seven—
PREACHING ATTENDANCE

What to do for Stiff-Necks?

This question is not one relating merely to a physical handicap. It relates especially to a number of the collective activities of mankind, says Dr. Luther E. Stein, pastor of the Glendale (California) that illuminating incident reported in the book of Nehemiah (3: 5) "And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put their necks to the work of their Lord."

Nobles with stiff-necks! An aristocracy of idleness! Men of ability holding aloof from a very necessary community service! For the people of Jerusalem were helping to rebuild the wall which protected them. Their security depended upon getting this job done, quickly and effectively. At a time when they should have faced their common enemies with the feeling "one for all and all for one" there were some whose pride kept them from joining in the common labor of building the wall.

It is written that the performers repaired a section of the wall, that the goldsmiths did their part, that a ruler of half of the city with his daughters did their share, and that a host of others from all walks of life joined in building against a common enemy. But these nobles! Heedless, blinded aristocrats, they refused to do their part, being unwilling to bend their necks to the work of their Lord.

There are a number of collective efforts of men today especially in America, which should have the utmost loyalty, service and co-operation of every thoughtful citizen, certainly of every Christian. One of these activities in which all should join who love their land and their Lord is the temperance cause.

There are innumerable idle folk of ability and power who are not doing what they might to protect our country and our youth from one of our greatest enemies, the liquor traffic. They are not willing to build, using their time and influence, or their gifts or their votes. They have not put their necks to the work of their Lord.

What should be done for stiff-necks? Exactly what Nehemiah and his co-workers did! He rode around the city, surveyed the destruction all about him, found out what needed to be done, organized his people, assigned responsibility, called on all classes of people to co-operate, and went painstakingly at the terrific task of rebuilding a ruined city.

But that is not all! The Tekoites felt responsible for their idle nobility. They had a remedy for stiff-necked parasites. Did you ever hear of applying heat to a stiff-neck? That is exactly what the Tekoites did! Not, apparently, the heat of bitterness, or of acrimony, or of sulkiness, refusing to build because others had ceased to labor. They applied the heat which is the most effective corrective in the world. It is written later on in the chapter (Nehemiah 3: 27) "The Tekoites repaired another piece."

These are they "that go the second mile." Of them have come the martyrs; the reformers; the spiritual pioneers in all ages; the advocates of temperance in our land. Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

—Selected.

Central Conference Ministers Meet, Ayden, North Carolina

The second bi-monthly meeting of the ministers of the Central Conference was held in the F. W. B. Church of Ayden, Friday, May 3rd. The committee on plans met at the church at 2 p. m. and drew up resolutions to present to the general meeting which was held at 3 P. M. Rev. W. L. Hart, being moderator of the Conference, served as Chairman and called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Dail and the business was immediately entered into. Rev. R. P. Harris, secretary, read the resolution as offered by the committee. Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill and author of the resolution made some timely remarks regarding same. The resolution in question reads as follows:

"We, your committee, recommend that plans be made to sponsor a drive encouraging all of our ministers to attend the Bible Conference at Moody Bible Institute next February and that a committee be appointed which shall be known as the 'On to Chicago Committee.' After the Bible Conference next February it is conceded that many of our ministers will desire further study and preparation at which time, we your committee, recommend that selective courses be offered by this body from a credited Bible Institute or College." The resolution was adopted unanimously by those present. Those composing the committee are as follows: Revs. J. E. Wooten, Chairman, M. A. Woodard, R. B. Spencer, L. B. Manning, and R. P. Harris. The above named committee will have full charge of the "On to Chicago" Campaign.

After some deliberations on the general problems of our church, the question of another meeting was discussed and Rev. J. C. Moye graciously invited us to meet with him next time which will be Friday, June 7th, at 6:00 p. m. Dinner will be served by the Host and all ministers of the Central Conference are requested to be present. There being no further business the meeting adjourned by a vote of the body until the next time in course. We were dismissed by prayer.

R. P. Harris *Secretary*

Important Announcement

The Letcher County, Kentucky Quarterly Conference will convene with the Potter's Fork Church, beginning Saturday morning, May 25. All ministers and delegates are urged to be there early and attend every session.

Clyde C. Flannery,
Conference Clerk

Notice

This is to inform those concerned that my address is now P. O. Box 203, East Durham, North Carolina.

Clarence Bowen

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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North Carolina Auxiliary Convention

MRS. C. B. THOMPSON, *President*

[NOTE: We regret that the picture which was to go with this article could not be used because the cut from which it was to be made failed to reach us from the engravers in time for the paper.]

Mrs. C. B. Thompson came to Goldsboro, North Carolina, from Bryan, Texas, three years ago. She was a school teacher before her marriage to the Rev. C. B. Thompson. She has been in the Auxiliary work for many years. She was president of the Ladies Aid Society in Texas several years ago, and she is now the Fifth Vice-President of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. Thompson's experience in the Women's work of the church and her ability as a leader were soon recognized when she came to our State three years ago. She was elected as president of the North Carolina State Auxiliary convention as a progressive leader in the forward movement of this great work of our

church. We feel that the convention made no mistake when it elected her to this important office.

Moreover, Mrs. Thompson is a great helpmate to her husband in his church work at the Goldsboro church. She is our efficient choir director, and is one of our best Sunday School teachers. She is a very great help in training the children in the League work. We are still expecting great things from her in our church in Goldsboro.

Mrs. J. M. Mitchell,
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Notice

If you are planning to attend the State Auxiliary convention of North Carolina at Bladenboro May 23 and expect to spend a night there, please communicate with Mrs. D. J. Pait, Bladenboro, North Carolina, telling her what time you expect to be there so her entertainment committee can arrange for your entertainment.

May we all put forth a special effort to be there.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Pres.,*
N. C. State Aux. Convention

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3: 6.

*Each future scene to thee I leave;
Sufficient 'tis to know
Thou canst from every evil save,
And every good bestow.*

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3: 5.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.—Matt. 5: 5.

Blest are the meek who stand afar

*From rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state,
And plead their cause against the great.*

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 18: 3.

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10: 28.

Nothing in my hands I bring,

How to Be Saved

(Continued from page three)

you the words of W. Gladden, "But what can mortal man do to secure his own salvation? Mortal man can do just what God bids him do. He can repent and believe. He can arise and follow Christ as Matthew did."

After repentance there are two things God wants you to do. First, exercise faith in Him. Second, confess Him as your Saviour. Then the work is done. You are saved! We read in Romans 10: 9, 10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart . . . thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

I close with the words of Ichabod Spencer: "What hinders that you should not be a child of God? Is not salvation free? Is not the invitation to it flung out to you on every page of the New Testament? Is not Christ offered to you in all his offices? And are you not welcome to all His benefits if you want them? Is not the Holy Spirit promised to them that ask Him? Nothing can hinder you from being a Christian but your own worldly, selfish, proud, obstinate, unworthy, and self-righteous heart."

*Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me Saviour, or I die.*

Preserve me, O God: for in thee I do put my trust. Psalm 16: 1.

*His honor is engaged to save
The meanest of his sheep;
All that his heavenly Father gave,
His hands securely keep.*

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10: 27.

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PROGRAM

Program of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States, to be held with the F. W. B. Church of Paintsville, Ky., beginning July 15, 1940.

MONDAY NIGHT

Opening of National Women's Auxiliary Convention

7:45—Song & Prayer Service—conducted by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
8:15—Sermon—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Midway, Texas

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Women's Auxiliary Convention

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Women's Auxiliary Convention

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service; Devotional—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri

8:00—Sermon—By Rev. D. F. Pelt of Alabama

WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Texas

9:00—Association called to order by the Clerk; Moderator takes charge

9:10—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates

9:30—Appointment of Committee on Credentials; Appointment of Finance Committee to receive Association dues

9:40—Welcome Address—Rev. H. B. Conley, Paintsville, Kentucky

9:50—Response—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Georgia

10:00—Business Period—Report of Credentials Committee; Election of Officers and Board Members; Appointment of Temporary Committees: 1. Publicity; 2. Business

Resolutions; 3. Formal Resolutions; 4. Petitions and Requests; 5. Registration [Fee Committee]

10:30—Moderator's Message

11:00—Song and Prayer Service

11:20—Associational Sermon—Rev. George D. Dunbar, Chucky, Tennessee

12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional—Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois

1:45—Miscellaneous Business: Reading of minutes of morning session; Enrollment of delegates late in arriving; Report of Credentials Committee

2:30—Report of Board of Education

3:30—Report of Women's Auxiliary Convention

4:00—Adjournment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service: Devotional—Rev. F. C. Zinn, Springfield, Missouri

8:15—Sermon—Rev. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

THURSDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. Aston Peques, Normangee, Texas.

9:00—Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday's proceedings; Enrollment of Delegations late in arriving; Reports of Temporary Committees

9:30—Report of Home Mission Board

10:00—Report of Sunday School Board

10:30—Report of Denominational Publications

11:00—Song and Prayer Service

11:20—Sermon—Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, North Carolina

12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Rev. Floyd Cherry, Dothan, Alabama

1:45—Business Period: Reading of minutes of preceding sessions; Committee Reports; Publicity, Business Resolutions; Registration Fee Committee

2:30—Report of Foreign Mission Board

3:00—Report of Executive Board

3:10—Report of Superannuation Board

3:40—Reports on Orphanage work

4:10—Selection of place of next meeting after report of Petitions & Requests Committee

4:20—Adjournment

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service—Devotional—Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Virginia

8:15—Sermon—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Oklahoma

FRIDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. J. A. Kemper from Ohio

9:00—Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday and Thursday proceedings.

Final reports of the following committees: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Formal Resolutions, Registration Fee Committee, Finance, Treasurer's Report. Decision on number and distribution of minutes, Completion of all unfinished business

10:30—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board

11:00—Report of National Statistician

11:30—Miscellaneous

12:00—Final Adjournment

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Jeremiah Announces the New Covenant

(Lesson for May 26)

Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31-37.

Read the entire chapter, please.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"I will put My Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people" (Jeremiah 31: 33).*

It is interesting then to hear of some Swedish who live on the Shetland Islands. These men are noted for their honesty—they would not take ashore so much as a coffee bean without the knowledge of the custom's official—and they are great churchgoers. A century ago, their forefathers were not so; drunkenness, violence, and irreligion abounded. It was during the Schar-tuan revival that the change came and that region — Bohuslan — was transformed.

God's people have a particular interest in the Word of God. Recently there was published the account of the Bible which the Attorney General of the United States carries with him. It is not uncommon for the children of God to carry a pocket Testament. When a Bible teacher some years ago told how he prized his copy of the Bible, he was called by one who heard him a biblioter. It was quite evident that the one who did the calling was not as familiar with the message of the Book as the man who loved it so. And while we are speaking of God's Word, it is the people of God who not only use it, but keep spreading it.—H. M. H.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON...

1. Throughout this lesson the goodness of God shines out in all

its splendor. Upon the dark background of Israel's sin we see the love of God in all its strength and beauty. As a Father He led them by the hand out of Egypt, "as a man doth bear his son" in his weakness, so does the Lord bear His people (Deuteronomy 1: 31). He delivered them from bondage; He provided for all their needs in the wilderness journey (Ps. 106). He was a devoted husband to His people, watching over them with love and tenderness. But in spite of His love, they broke His Covenant (Jeremiah 31: 32). They became so sinful that judgment and doom were inevitable. Note (2) the fidelity of God. He who has been compelled to throw down, to destroy, to afflict, will watch over them to build, and to plant (vs. 28). He will establish a New Covenant, and because a new heart will result from God's forgiveness (vs. 34), obedience will be possible (vs. 33). God will not cast off His people, but will make a New Covenant, begin a new work of grace in their hearts. This change of heart is already experienced in believing Israel (Romans 9:22-24). God will be faithful to His people and will not cast them off. In grace He will gather them again (Jeremiah 31: 16, 17, 35-40; Ezekiel 36: 23-38.—A. H.

2. We often say, "The future is as bright as the promises of God," and Jeremiah 31: 34 bears out the statement beautifully.

For the promises are facts stated in advance. Moreover, blessings for Israel means blessing for all. The ancient word to Abraham, "All the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him" (Genesis 18: 18), still stands.—R. K. G.

3. God declares that His wonderful New Covenant of grace with Israel is more permanent than His creative ordinances and work. He assures that as it is impossible to measure the heavens and search out earth's foundations, so it is impossible to break this Covenant. A man stood holding forth a Gospel text. A driver, passing him, tapped his

head and said, "off." The text holder replied, "No, sir! On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand!"—W. M.

4. A Never-ending Compact—Jeremiah 31: 36, 37. "If these ordinances depart from before Me"—"If Heaven above can be measured"—"If the foundations of the earth [can be] searched out beneath"—"Then the seed of Israel also shall cease"—"I will also cast off all the seed of Israel." God is the God of law in all the realm of His creation. If all the mighty operations of nature could come to an end, and all the chorus of living things be hushed and silent, and all the diverse movements of men be brought to nothing, then might the thought of God's refusing to care be possible. At least, such is the argument provided by the words of our text. Link on to this, the living Words of the Lord Jesus Christ, "I give unto them [My sheep] eternal life; and they shall never perish," and all fears vanish in the certainty of the Divine promise.—Prof. MacFadyen.

A minister once preached a sermon on "How to Destroy the Jews." His text was Jeremiah 31: 35-37. In other words it just can't be done.

II. HOME WORK

1. What had the demands of the Law become to the Jewish people in all their generations? (Acts 15: 10).

2. How may the New Covenant be compared with that of the Law? (Hebrew 8: 6).

3. Why did God bring in the New Covenant? (Hebrew 7: 19; 8: 7).

4. What secures obedience under the provisions of the New Covenant? (Hebrew 8: 10).

5. What is the relation to God under the New Covenant? (Hebrew 8: 11).

6. Upon what great work of Christ does the New Covenant rest? (Matthew 26: 27, 28; Hebrew 9: 18-23).

7. What has become of the Mosaic Covenant since the introduction of the New? (Hebrew 8: 13).

8. Be sure to read all the helps in our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies. Pray that hundreds of other Bible Schools may become acquainted with their God-given messages.

Religious Liberty

We believe that religious liberty is a God-given, ineradicable right, to be recognized and conserved by all human agencies that exercise authority.

We believe that religious liberty is the enjoyment by the individual of the inalienable right to choose his religious affiliations, without coercion from any source whatever.

We believe that religious liberty is the ultimate ground of democratic institutions, and that whenever this liberty is questioned, restricted or denied by any group, political, religious or philosophical, the friends of religious liberty should become greatly concerned.

We believe in the complete separation of Church and State, as set forth in the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

We believe that the recognition and the preservation of religious liberty by civil governments involve the acknowledgement through their constitution, written or unwritten, that religion, or the duty which every man owes to his Creator, does not come within the cognizance of the government.

We believe that the time has come for all friends of religious liberty to consider that, within the past twenty-five years, one-fourth of the population of the whole world has come under the sway of dictators who either delimit or completely destroy the religious liberties of the people over whom they rule, and considering this alarming fact, the friends of religious liberty should unite in its defense.

We believe that every friend of religious liberty should exercise himself to the utmost in the maintenance of absolute religious liberty for his Jewish neighbor, his Roman Catholic neighbor, his Protestant neighbor and for everybody else. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion in religion, whether it be exercised by a religious body or a civil state.

We believe that the basic distinction between religious liberty and religious toleration must be clearly recognized; that the oral right to the full enjoyment of religious freedom can be consistently claimed only by those who repudiate religious coercion, and that the cultivation of a sentimental religious tolerance toward groups who within their own domain of authority deny to the individual his religious liberties should be condemned, because this tends toward the betrayal of a basic human right.

We believe that subtle and powerful forces are now at work within our own country, threatening our democratic institutions; that the surest and most effective method for maintaining security is to strengthen the hands of the people of America in the God who has granted to every man the right to religious liberty, and therefore we call upon all who serve God, all who appreciate democratic institutions and all who desire to restrain authoritarian and totalitarian aggression wherever found, to join in the defense of religious liberty.

—Selected.

Letter from Florida

Dear Brother Editor:

We have made some progress here in Jackson County, Florida, but not as much as we should like to see accomplished. At Lovewood Church, where my membership has been for thirty-five years, our church roll shows 150 membership. However, many of them are scattered so widely

that some of them seldom ever attend. Some of them live in one town and some live elsewhere in other towns, therefore they do not count very much to our church. But they wish for their names to remain at the old home church as there are no Free Will Baptist churches where they are living.

Those who live in reach of the church are trying to carry on for the Lord. We have preaching once per month. We have a Sunday School and a Ladies Aid society. They did not go into winterquarters this winter, as some do. We are desiring the prayers of the good people in the behalf of the Free Will Baptist church in west Florida.

J. F. Fillingim,
Graceville, Fla.

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Boys and Girls Corner

The Little Boy Who Confessed to a Lie

David was just twelve, and he was the Orphanage's mail boy. Each day he would make two trips up-town and bring back the letters and packages for the hundreds of people that lived at the Orphanage. He made many friends on those trips, and often a kind-hearted man would stop him, talk a little, and give him a nickel, or perhaps a dime, for ice cream and candy.

But on this particular day, David was happy. He was thinking about what his pastor had said to him that morning when he confessed that he loved Jesus and wanted to go to Him, and follow Him.

"Do you really and truly, deep in your heart, love the Lord Jesus?" asked the pastor.

"Yes sir, I do, very much," replied David humbly.

The pastor patted his shoulder, "Then I'm sure you will make us a good church member," he smiled.

There were dozens of boys and girls just like David who were going to give their hearts to the Lord Jesus the coming Sunday at the baptismal services. The few days before that glorious day David was very happy and cheerful.

Then one day came a summons to appear at the head office. For a moment David was terribly frightened. One was never called to the superintendent's office unless he had done something wrong. At least that was the impression that he always received from other boys who were called in, and who, most of the time, received some severe punishment.

With a trembling hand he turned the knob of the door that ushered him into the superintendent's office.

The superintendent was a stern man, but at times he seemed to be a kind and pleasant man. Today, he was angry, and David was about to cry.

"What have you been taking from the mails?" he asked bluntly.

David began to cry in earnest. "Nothing sir—I d-didn't take anything, sir." He couldn't understand this at all. He had never stolen a thing in his life.

"Mrs. Harper says she saw you take things from the mail, and she watched you when you entered a dime store on several different occasions and bought candy and fruit. What did you take from the mail sack, and where did you get the money you spent for candy and fruit?"

Mrs. Harper was a woman who was noted for her attentiveness to other people, and was always reporting people for something. She said she was doing the Orphanage a good turn when she made a report that David was stealing from the mails.

She was called in to identify David. She seemed confused and coughed uneasily and said that David was the one she saw.

He cried bitterly over it. Mr. Brown, the superintendent said he was going to make him stand with his face to the wall until he made a full confession.

David stood it for one day, and then he became miserably tired. He watched the other boys out in the fresh air playing and it made him anxious to be free. He knew that the only thing Mr. Brown would do would be to switch him. He could stand it, he thought. So he confessed because he had rather play than to stand his ground and prove his innocence.

David got his switching and his freedom. They even let him carry the mails right on.

But that Sunday when David went to church with the other boys to be baptized, his name was not called. Feeling sad, he went up to the pulpit with the others, and called his pastor down from his pulpit. The church was packed but David didn't mind at all. He asked why his name was not called for baptism.

The pastor was very kind. "My boy, you are on probation, and it means that you cannot be baptized this year."

"But I love Jesus, and I am sorry for everything," David cried.

"I know the whole story, son. You didn't really steal anything. Mr. Brown found that out later. But when you confessed to a lie, you so disappointed him that he decided that you didn't love the Lord Jesus enough to be baptized."

David was truly ashamed then.

"I did wrong," he said. "I did tell a lie, and I don't deserve the love of Jesus. But I am going to ask him to forgive me, and then I'm going to try hard next year to be a good boy. And I won't even lie either—not for the whole world to play in."

—RICHARD A. SINGLETON.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to call to her reward our sister, Polly Horne, We the members of Piny Grove Church Pitt County, realize our great loss, submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission to the Will of Our Heavenly Father;

Second, That we extend to her bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God, and the church which she served so well, for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Rev. Marshall Joyner,

Irene Tyson,

Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Committee

IN MEMORIAM

Written in memory of Alonza Whitehurst

On March the thirty-first,

Just past the hour of nine;

An angel came and said,

"Come, go with me to heaven."

Just four weeks ago God called our father away

How we miss him no tongue can tell,

But he has gone to heaven to dwell

He had grown old and gray.

But dear father we all know,
We must go from this world of woe;
You were kind, patient and did your best
Until God called you home to rest.

I know father has gone to a brighter land,
Where the angels play their golden
band;

And oh how we miss him; 'tis more than
we can bear,

All around things look so lonely when
we see his rocking chair.

Mrs. Eunice Everette

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of my dear
wife, Louisa S. Willis, who departed this
life on November 21, 1936, at the age of
62 years.

My memory of dear wife still lingers,

Although she is gone away;

But I'm striving to meet her

In that better land some day.

My heart still aches with sadness,

My eyes shed many tears;

But God only knows how I miss her

As it dawns on through the years

Never shall I cease to love her,

Never shall her memory fade;

Sweetest love forever lingers

'Round the grave where she was laid.

God help me to follow her example,

And may I live as best I can;

That we may be united,

And never more to part again.

Written by her husband,

Belvin Willis

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Thur., May 16	Free Union	Carteret
Fri., May 17	St. John's Chap.	Carteret
Sat., May 18	Davis	Carteret
Mon., May 20	Beaufort	Carteret
Tues., May 21	Morehead City	Carteret
Wed., May 22	Holly Springs	Carteret
Thur., May 23	St. Mary's (New Bern)	Craven
Fri., May 24	Bridgeton	Craven
Sat., May 25	Arapahoe	Pamlico
Sun., May 26	Rock of Zion	Pamlico
Mon., May 27	New Bethlehem	Pamlico
Tues., May 28	Warden's Grove	Pamlico
Wed., May 29	Mt. Zion	Pamlico
Thur., May 30	Bethel	Pamlico
Fri., May 31	Oriental	Pamlico
Saturday, June 1	Trent	Pamlico

Mon., June 3	White Hill	Beaufort	Mon., June 17	Mt. Tabor	Washington
Tues., June 4	Dublin Grove	Beaufort	Tues., June 18	Soundside	Tyrrell
Wed., June 5	Smyrna	Beaufort	Wed., June 19	Gum Neck	Tyrrell
Thur., June 6	Core Point Chap.	Beaufort	Thur., June 20	Milachi's Chap.	Tyrrell
Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort	Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
Sat., June 8	Shiloh	Beaufort	Sat., June 22	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
Mon., June 10	Free Union	Beaufort	Mon., June 24	Oak Grove	Craven
Tues., June 11	Sidney	Beaufort	Tues., June 25	Juniper Chap.	Craven
Wed., June 12	Belhaven	Beaufort	Wed., June 26	Palmetto Chap.	Craven
Thur., June 13	Union Grove	Beaufort	Thur., June 27	Macedonia	Craven
Fri., June 14	Union Chapel	Washington	Fri., June 28	Antioch	Craver
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SE'-lah.

Fa. 12:2; 31.6,18; 60:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

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The Country Church

By Mrs. Curtis Spencer

Thinkers of every age have declared that a stable and dependable rural civilization is essential to the welfare of nations and peoples. Long ago a Chinese sage observed that, "The well-being of the people is like a tree. Agriculture is the root, manufactures and commerce are its branches and fruit. If the root is injured, the leaves fall, the branches break away and the tree dies." Daniel Webster declared: "The farmers are the founders of civilization." President Theodore Roosevelt once wrote: "We were founded as a nation of farmers, and the welfare of the whole community still depends upon the welfare of the farmer, and no nation such as ours can endure without maintaining a high and satisfying rural life." Power machinery, transportation and intercommunications have taken their separate tolls of the rural peoples and removed them to the town and cities, often breaking the tranquility and progressiveness of rural communities.

In this southland of ours, as no where else in our Nation, is found wholesome satisfying rural life. It is told that Henry Grady, the South's peerless orator, as a young man went with his bride to New York to be a reporter on a metropolitan news paper. Coming from the cultured old town of Athens, Georgia, in which were and are the best traditions of the rural Old South, in neighborhood and hospitality, the lost aspect of the individual in the great city oppressed his sensitive spirit. Leaving his boarding house one day after lunch, Grady saw a hearse standing in front of the next house, which was only separated from this by a brick wall, and down the steps came men carrying a little white coffin, and behind the figure of a woman in black. With hat off, Grady turned to his landlady, and in a subdued voice asked who was dead.

"Shure, I don't know," she responded briskly, surprised at the question. Returning to his apartment, the young Georgian told his wife of the incident, and added, "My dear, I want to pack our trunks, and go back South, where even the humblest Negro in the community is something to me and I am something to him and where the tragedy and sorrow of life and death beyond a thin partition wall cannot be a matter of utter indifference." And they came. The southland is a goodly land where "the milk of human kindness" flows along its thoroughfares.

But with all of her neighborhood and hospitality, the south would not be the good place it is, but for the good and Godly influence of her country churches and chapels. There is much talk of institutional work for the country church which is impracticable, but it is certainly fit that the country pastor and church should lead the people to adopt wholesome and ethical standards of living. It should take care of the social cravings and needs of the young people, the lack of which drives them away from the country into the already over-crowded cities and towns. Since there is little danger that our rural churches shall ever suffer from the vanities of social life in the restricted sense, we may without stint encourage them to magnify their function in providing a wholesome outlet to the social cravings of the people. Country worshippers should be encouraged to keep up the informal social contacts of the church grounds and of the groups of men and maidens who gather under the trees or about the well or spring. Country churches may accomplish a social as well as a directly religious end in the encouragement of suitable auxiliary societies, and the social end be made to serve a religious purpose. Country

women need the mission or ladies' aid society of the church for religious instructions and service, but they need it also because it brings helpful and satisfying social contact with their neighbors. In this same spirit the country church should encourage the provisions of suitable games and social satisfactions for its young people. Until it does, there will always be an element of pathos in its disciplining its young members for participation in the only, though questionable, social amusements which the community affords.

It is a matter of common knowledge that farm practice is improving in almost every section. Assuredly the Christian bodies in the country are under even more obligation to give vogue and moral sanction to the efforts of the farm schools to rout the clog of outworn farm practice, than the schools are to seek to further the efficiency of the farmer's church, and a country pastor who is really meeting the needs of his community should have an intelligent comprehension of an interest of soil fertility, animal husbandry and the growth of crops. And in connection with the rural communities and churches, we need in our rural schools teachers who understand and believe in the country, and will stay by it. Country teachers who can teach and will stay, and country preachers who can preach and will stay, would within less than a generation bring the rural life of the nation forward one hundred per cent.

Along with the objects I have heretofore mentioned, the country churches have as their greatest asset and as the primary reason for their existence the spiritual program. We must leave off some of our out-of-date programs, and do

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EDITORIAL

The church people are beginning to wonder why our foreign missionaries do not write articles to our church papers, posting us on the work which they are doing in their respective fields of labor. It is very necessary that our churches be kept informed of the progress which these missionaries are making in the foreign fields. Interest will continue to lag unless they write more often concerning their work. For the homeland to be kept interested in what these missionaries are doing, the ministers and other church workers must be kept posted on the needs and the growth of the work in the foreign fields. Short articles of interest and great concern relative to the work should be sent by these missionaries from time to time for publication in our church papers. There is no other way for the home people to be able to learn of the work of these workers in the foreign fields. We are urging, therefore, that the workers on these fields send to us short messages occasionally concerning their work.

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There is one thing certain and that is: Rev. J. R. Davidson has kept the Educational Program constantly before the people. The church papers have carried his messages and reports of the educational work. He has learned that it takes persistent effort for progress to be made in church work, as well as in any other worthwhile endeavor. And he is right, too. It is going to take continued effort for this piece of work to achieve any degree of success. Any right thinking people will agree to this fact. In fact, it will take years for the Free Will Baptist church to develop a strong educational work for the purpose of training church leadership. But it will be done. The people know that it must be done. They know that they must rally to the support of a trained leadership for the church

to succeed. Giving money and increased interest must continue, and, as the months pass, begin to grow into greater giving and greater interest for the work. J. R. Davidson will continue, we believe, to hammer away on the educational drive until something shall have been accomplished. He is made of that kind of persistence in God's kingdom work. He means business and he means for the program to go on to great success.

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This same philosophy of persistent effort must be applied to Superannuation, Missions, Orphanage work, and local church improvement and expansion. Persistent application of effort in the light of Christian progress must be exercised both by pastor and church for worthwhile progress to be made in the denomination. Too often have good movements been started, boosted for a short while, and then allowed to drop because interest and co-operation failed to continue the piece of work to its completion. Such has been the practice of our church people, at least in many instances, in the past. The time has come when the people are seeking a change from this old practice. Time and continued effort are required for the achievement of worthwhile objectives. Pastor and people must work together religiously if great things are to be done for the glory of God. All will agree that when a worthwhile movement for the church program has begun, the whole church should continue the work with the view of accomplishing great success. Some people are prone, it must be admitted, to become discouraged before they have had time to realize appreciable results in their church work. This is a grave mistake. Every wide-awake minister knows that no church can go forward with any degree of success with half-planned movements launched and

spasmodic enthusiasm exercised for any short period by a group of church people. Right thinking people know this to be true. New methods are to be pursued in bringing about greater church progress. Then such methods are to be carried forward to completion. Too frequent changes show the lack of purpose and determination; therefore, anyone can readily guess the weakness of such efforts, and expect nothing more than failure in the outset of the project.

To What Degree of Education Has Our Church Membership Attained?

By Reba Wood,
Huntsville,
Texas

Who, of our average church members, need education, and how much do they need? First, take stock of yourself, then observe your fellow-members as they carry on the work of the Master. In the average congregation, one will find that the majority would profit by a more thorough knowledge of the way our church organizations should function. By this I do not mean that every member of the church should have a theological degree, but I do mean that a Christian should provide himself with enough literature to keep intelligently informed about the machinery of the church, or its organizations. Some imagine that they do not have time to read. Others feel that they are not financially able to afford the small amount of literature it takes, but let me give you a hint: the more you spend to promote the Lord's work the lighter will your personal obligations be, and the more time you spend learning about His work, the more will you get done in the time left for them.

In our second group observe the difference in the church organizations which have leaders trained in the work they are sponsoring, and the ones who use the experiment

method. Although these leaders are the same at heart, the trained ones have the knowledge of many interesting things which stimulate their group to be a live organization. The followers enjoy their work, because she sets before them in a concise way what is to be done, and leads in such a way that every one wants to work. The untrained also has a definite goal to reach, but they do not have the advantage of as many interesting approaches to the goal. Leaders almost make, or mar, an organization with their leading abilities, and for this reason we need more trained leaders.

In the third group come our ministers, who act as shepherds to their flock. They need much training to lead the flock wisely, and intelligently. Their responsibilities are great, with the entire church membership looking to them for guidance, therefore, they should be trained in their line of work. Do not get the impression that I believe in self-called ministers, but I do believe it is the duty of the God-called to train themselves to be capable of leading their most learned members. However, I do understand that there are many angles to this. With the salary most of our pastors are paid they must have some other vocation, consequently do not have time, nor finances, to go to school. As an example of a young minister I would like to recall to your memory what our Reverend Aston Peguese said about his work in an article in the Free Will Baptist Paper. I quote: "Every minister will agree that it is the greatest privilege of any Christian's life. They will also agree that it is the greatest responsibility when God called me to preach His Word He also called me, to prepare myself for His work."

Reverend Peguese is now in school at Toccoa Falls, Georgia. I thank God for young ministers who have the determination to work and sacrifice, that they may become a greater blessing to the Free Will Baptist Cause.

How are we going to sacrifice for this great cause? Why not send a

donation to our educational fund for the purpose of building a Free Will Baptist Institution—one we will be proud to claim. We need it badly, and think how much greater service our church could be in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. More of our young people would feel safe in entering special branches of Christian service, if only we had this much needed medium of training. Let us pray, and give as the Lord wills, and we shall have this long desired institution, which I believe will raise our church, and our Christian standards, more than anything of which I can think.

P. S.—The above is another powerful challenge to our entire connection. This comes from one of our young women in the Central Texas Association, and it is another case of one who has been putting some of her money where she talks.—J. R. Davidson.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

WHY I AM A FREE WILL BAPTIST

I was not brought up in the Free Will Baptist church. I am a Free Will Baptist of my own free will and accord. I waited a good while after I accepted Christ as my Saviour before I made a real choice as to church relationship. When I did become a member of the Free Will Baptist church I was satisfied that it was the nearest to the New Testament church, of any organization, in its doctrine. I am still satisfied with that decision. The doctrine of the church is of God. A minister said to me some years ago, on learning of our doctrine, "If you people had put your money into the mission field as you might have done you would have converted the world to Jesus before now," or words to this effect. Until I find a doctrine that is nearer to Christ in teaching than the Free Will Baptist church, you can count on me remaining a Free Will Baptist. I believe what I preach, and I preach what I believe. When I say "conversion" I mean "salvation thru

the shed-blood of Jesus Christ." When I say "sanctification" I mean a life that is perfectly yielded to Christ, thus being "set apart, wholly unto the service of God." When I say "baptism" I mean baptism, not sprinkling nor pouring. When I say the Lord's Supper I mean it the original way as instituted by Jesus Christ and referred to by all Four of the Gospel writers and by Paul the apostle. The whole work complete—bread, wine and the washing of feet. "If ye know these things happy are ye if you do them" (John 13: 17). If John had just meant "feet-washing" he could not have said "things." He would have said "this thing." Well, I am a Free Will Baptist and am proud of it, from the standpoint of doctrine. I am ashamed of the work being done by many who claim to be Free Will Baptist—the work that keeps the denomination from reaching the heights that it might reach. So doctrinally I am satisfied, denominationally I am ashamed of our progress.

WHAT ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN?

I have not heard very much lately about the Educational Campaign of our church. Bro. Davidson wrote some very interesting facts some time ago. I wonder what the response has been in "dollars and cents." Brother J. R. Bennett has sent the churches of the Eastern Association of North Carolina a request for each church to give the equivalent of ten cents per member. May we hear the cry coming from these leaders in the National Educational Work, and put the thing over. Do, for the sake of Christ, try to reach the goal.

THE STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Brother W. E. Coville has given us some worthwhile thoughts on a "Standard Sunday School" and we should think over these suggestions and begin to put them into practice, if not already, so as to standardize all of our Sunday Schools.

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Seven

PREACHING ATTENDANCE

By WILLIAM E. COVILLE, *Chairman,*
National Sunday School Board

Eighty (80) per cent of pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primaries, shall attend the preaching service.

This percentage may seem rather high to a great many of our Sunday schools. The Lord requires of us our best — the "Standard" requires eighty per cent or twenty per cent less than our best. If we will faithfully strive to reach the Standard requirement we may even reach the Lord's requirement—one hundred per cent.

The Six Point Record System offers twenty credits to the pupil who attends the preaching service. This is the same number of credits that the system offers the pupil who attends Sunday School. The Six Point System places equal value upon the attendance at both services. It is just as important that pupils attend the preaching service as it is that they attend Sunday school!

The preaching service satisfies the many needs of the Sunday school pupil. The pupil needs additional opportunities to worship God. He needs greater educational advantages. He needs the good influence and association. The pupil needs the message of the gospel to the lost and the comforts of His Word. He needs social and spiritual blessings, but, above all, he needs the sound wholesome interpretation of the Bible. The preaching service supplies all of these needs.

When we recognize the needs of the Sunday school pupils, we will become concerned with the importance of the task of supplying their needs. When the pastor, the officers, and the teachers become so concerned about the needs of the pupils, we will find them striving without ceas-

ing to influence every pupil to attend the preaching service,

Sunday school pupils give all sorts of excuses for not attending preaching service. Perhaps the one used most is, "the services are too long." This champion of excuses seem to justify the pupil's action to his own satisfaction until he is made to see that it is just an excuse furnished him by Satan as a reason in disguise. Many boys and girls as well as men and women claim that they cannot stand the physical strain of attending the combined Sunday school and preaching service. They claim that to be in service from 9:30 until twelve o'clock is just too long a period and so they either leave after Sunday school or wait until 11:00 o'clock to come. They like this excuse so well that they do not even try to reason it out with themselves. These same boys and girls and men and women endure far greater physical strain in schools or places of business during the week than in the Sunday school and preaching services on Sunday morning, and little solicitude is entertained for them on this account.

Many feel, though they are ashamed to mention it, that Sunday is the only day of the week that they have to "get out." They attend Sunday school and the minute the service is over pour out and are gone. They never think of absenting themselves from their work, school, or places of business during the week. They are afraid that they might lose their places or be required to bring a written "excuse" to their teacher. I wonder if there is not a possibility of losing our places in the Lord's business—the business of salvation, if we continue to "run out" on Him and His services?

I have given two of the excuses more frequently used. There are many others such as, the sermons do not suit the Sunday school pupils, the Sunday school receives no special recognition for their presence, the preacher is not interested in the Sunday school so why should we attend his service, the preaching service is for old people, and so on and on, but these are all excuses unsup-

ported by reason. All are false impressions.

The real cause is that Sunday school pupils have not been trained to remain for the preaching service. Pastors, superintendents, and teachers are all guilty at this point and are contributors to the lack of preaching attendance on the part of the Sunday school pupils. These leaders are largely responsible for the fact that the Sunday school and the preaching service have been conducted as two distinct services. Sunday school officers and teachers prompted by a desire to have a large school and large classes have urged the pupils to attend Sunday School "even if you can't stay for church." Quite often we have heard an officer or teacher or member of the school close the Sunday school with prayer in which the Lord is asked to "go with us to our respective homes, and bring us back safely next Sunday morning."

I must not fail to give at least one other cause to substantiate my assertion that "the pupils have not been properly trained and that the officers and teachers are guilty at this point." Many officers and teachers fail to set an example for their pupils. By this I mean that they themselves all too often get up and leave at the close of Sunday School. What weight does the plea of the superintendent to the school, or the plea of the teacher to the class, to remain for preaching, carry if they themselves do not remain? What teacher can conscientiously urge that all members of the class remain for preaching when that very teacher plans to leave at the close of Sunday school?

Point eight of the proposed Standard which reads in part, "All officers and teachers shall be Christians whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach," has a direct bearing on preaching attendance and will be discussed in the next issue.

A determined effort on the part of the pastor, the superintendent, and the teachers aided by the Six Point Record System and its twenty credits offered for preaching attendance

will build a greater Sunday school, a larger church attendance, and, as a result, a broader field for the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Supreme Task of the Church

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There is one question which I trust you will give proper thought to. *What is the chief task of the church?* If Jesus really gave his church a charge that was central in its importances, around which all other activity revolves, it remains for us to think through and discover and execute his command. Furthermore, it is our duty to discover our task then to perform it the best of our ability.

It was after the tragedy of his suffering and death on Calvary and his resurrection just before the eventful day of his ascension, in which He was giving his parting message to his disciples, as found in Mark's gospel, 16th chapter, 15th verse, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15). Here we have the evangelization of the world given in Acts 1: 8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Then he names the places and includes the whole world. Evangelization is the central command of Christ to the church.

This is the very foundation for the existence of the church to carry the message of his salvation to the uttermost bounds of the human race. For the church that ignores its supreme task, it has surrendered its right to exist. We would remind you, it is not the Christinization of the world, for this has not been done after these thousand years, and from prophecy we have no hope that there shall be a Christian world. The message has not been proclaimed to a large part or the larger part of the known world; but it is the work of the church to witness spreading the good news, giving to every man, woman, and child a chance to accept Christ.

We are not told to educate the world. This is the business of the state. Our task is to preach the Gospel. We need an institution to train men for this task, but the task is greater than the institution, and we have failed God in a large extent in that we have not been able to take our place to present the great doctrine, we name, because we have not trained men to do so.

The marching orders of the Master was Go, not Come or Stay. Furthermore if we do not execute the marching orders of the Master—fail to obey him—puts us in a position where our existence as a church is threatened. No church can live without the missionary spirit. If you study the progress of denominations around us you will discover the churches that are doing things abroad are the ones that are making the greatest progress at home. We are living in what we might think of as the dispensation of denominations, and great numbers have sprung up within the past 50 years. They have been formed out of the major denominations. The missionary churches are the most spiritual churches. I need not name them, for you know them. Get the report of their missionary progress and study it. The light that shines the furthest shines the brightest at home. The church that is not missionary, and by that I mean winning souls to Christ is like a stagnant pool. If we don't obey our Lord we're unfair to those who have never heard. Love to God demands that we obey him. If we do not obey, we lose the joy of service and finally our claim to son-ship. It is the central task because of the great need.

Here we are preaching over and over to those who have heard the Gospel all their lives. Many of them never have appreciated the opportunity of the Gospel to obey it and "taste and see that the Lord is good." Sunday after Sunday they refuse to accept Jesus Christ as a Saviour, though they have had every possible chance, while there are tens of thousands who have never heard, living in darkened lands. Should they not have a chance?

Our first task is not to multiply churches. I trust you will not misunderstand me, I believe in reaching the unsaved, everywhere, but now I am speaking of the great task. Some have the idea, because we advocate the foreign missionary program, we should put the brakes on pushing into the great centers of our own nation. What we should do is to have an aggressive program in every department of the church, and able, qualified men to man them.

As long as there are masses of people destitute of the Word of God and the knowledge of Christ, I shall feel we shall be falling short of the marching orders of Jesus to be anywhere other than the place of the greatest need. God has ordained that they shall hear of His Son thru us. He has commissioned us to bear that message to a people in darkness and ignorance. We are ambassadors to bear his message to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Quiet Talk Gorden tells the story which is a legend. Jesus returned to heaven and met Gabriel he stated he had completed his divinely appointed task. "And what is your plan?" inquired Gabriel. "How is the gospel to be spread? Did you leave a strong organization on the earth with well defined plans?"

"No," answered the Saviour, "I left no organization, only a small company of disciples of humble birth. They are to tell the world."

"But suppose they fail?" exclaimed the great arch-angel.

"Ah," responded the Christ, "I trust them."

"But if they fail you," persisted Gabriel, "What plans have you then?"

"I have no other," replied the Saviour.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out. Revelation 3: 12.

*Then let my soul march boldly on,
Press forward to the heavenly gate;
There peace and joy eternal reign,
And glittering robes for conquerors wait.*

Christian Education

Christian education covers such a wide territory that I hardly know where to begin. If the topic, "Christian Education in the Free Will Baptist Denomination" was the discussion, I would have one standard to work from, but in general it gives more to talk about than time and space will allow.

Christian education began back in the days of Adam and Eve, and has continued through all ages. God educated Adam and Eve with the knowledge of right and wrong, but they transgressed the law. Sin has followed until today.

The first written form of Christian education that we have record of began when God delivered to Moses the Ten Commandments. These were to be taught to the world. Some people think that these do not hold true today, but God said that He did not come to destroy the old law but to fulfill. Since the deliverance of the Commandments and the coming of Christ, the population of the world has grown, and the apostles and prophets have spread Christianity in many places over the earth. Since the coming of Christ, a great change has been made. He first called His disciples. Two of them were educated in the schools of their day. The others were just what we might call plain men. These men recorded the life of Christ, and the acts which He performed, and also the commandments given them by Christ. Thus, we have the New Testament which contains the plan of salvation.

Modern Christianity should begin in the home. Never in the history of the world has Christian education been more needed than it is at the present time. You know as I know that the State is urging the public schools to get A-grade teachers to teach the courses given in them. The A-grade teachers have had more education and practical experience than many others who try to teach the Bible. Consequently their students are better informed on the public school subjects than on religious subjects. Therefore, educa-

tion in the churches, in Christian subjects, should keep pace with the public school education. Take the military schools, for example, which have the most perfect equipment, and the most perfect methods, with the most efficient teachers. Do you not think we should have the best trained teachers, and the most consecrated instructors for our church schools?

Solomon prayed for wisdom, and God gave him wisdom. He got what he asked for. Christ and God must go hand in hand with education, the right kind of education, or else it will be the wrong kind for any country. It is true that there are many who object to the Bible being taught in public schools, yet a Christian teacher who has received her education at a church school, will so set an example and so teach Christianity that the pupils will be led to Christ. How important, then, it is for Christian teachers, those who have been educated in fine Christian schools, to be employed in the schools.

What is true of teachers is also true of preachers. Every denomination has its church schools. It is of great importance, as I have stated before, that our leaders, especially our preachers, have the best Christian education that can be obtained. Of course we want our preachers to be called of God, and to be Christians in every respect. If they are not well trained in the best Christian schools, then, What are the consequences? Many denominations have been too careless in allowing licenses to be given to leaders who have not completed their courses in school. One of our delegates made a report at the annual conference sometime back. He said that the conference made a ruling that no man be given license unless he had finished the tenth grade in school, and that in less than an hour a man was given license who had not completed the third grade. This is becoming less and less, however, and we will soon see the time when every minister of the gospel will not only have to have his diploma from a church school, but he will also have to have his license from his ecclesiastical school

in order to hold a pastorate in his denomination.

It is our sincere prayer that we will have leaders and teachers to give us such light, such educational light that will lead us to see our need of greater Christian educational work in our church. Such Christian teaching will help to lead us to our heavenly Home, and to our Christ who was the only perfect teacher.

Ruth Callihan

A Request for Prayer

Dear Brethren:

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for ten years, and every year I am gradually getting worse. I have been confined to my room and have not been able to walk any since last October. Nothing I take does me any good.

When I was a young man, I joined the Free Will Baptist church. Later the church went down, and when it was re-established again, I never had my name put back. For the last six years I have been to church as regularly as I could, until I got unable to walk. I had no other way to get to church. A year ago last September was the last time that I was able to attend church services.

About a month ago I decided that I wanted my name put back on the church roll. So, on the last Fourth Sunday afternoon, Rev. Marshall Joyner, pastor of the church, and over twenty of the members of the church, got together at my home for services. We had a very nice meeting, and I had my name put back where it should have been all these years.

If it be the Lord's will I want to have services here in my home every Fourth Sunday afternoon. I want everyone who reads this letter to pray for me that I may hold out, and that God will bless me. Pray that I may be able to bear my sufferings patiently. No one knows how much suffering that I have undergone for the last six months.

I am your humble friend who is standing in need of prayer,

R. H. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.,
Route 5

A Few Things I Believe

I have been reading the Bible for around fifty years. I believe every word of it to be true according to what it is meant for man. I believe the only way we can understand some of it is only thru the Spirit and the knowledge which the Lord gives us. We are told that if we lack wisdom ask of Him. I believe some people depend too much upon their own knowledge. They are too wise in their own conceits.

Since we cannot take the Bible just as we can some other books, we can ask God for divine revelation and understanding of it. I believe the Jews are laboring under a grave mistake going back to Palestine. I believe the Lord will gather the saints of all back from the four corners of the earth when He comes again with His New Jerusalem. This is spoken of in Revelation 21. Daniel tells us that He will set up His kingdom, and it will stand forever and ever. Then there will be no more wars on the earth, for He will be King over all His saints. The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess it for ever and ever (Daniel 7: 18). This kingdom will consume all other kingdoms (Daniel 2: 44). They will be as chaff on a summer threshing floor (Daniel 2: 35).

When He comes back to the earth, He will be the only King, and those that wait upon the Lord they shall inherit the earth (Psalm 37: 9). I have four children buried and they are in four cemeteries, but when the Lord of glory leaves heaven with a shout, I am not the least uneasy but that they will come forth. I believe there will be not a saint in heaven forgotten and left. I believe that the Jews will not be gathered back in peace and harmony in Palestine until the Lord does away with all those other kingdoms and sets up His kingdom. Then there will be no use for the sun and the moon, for the Lord will give us light. The wicked will be cut off and brought back to Palestine. (See Ezekiel 21: 4; 33: 11.) I believe the time is getting short when the saints will all

be with Christ. I think time is too near fulfilled to be another war, but that really this is the starting of the war of Armageddon. If this war continues and all the nations become involved in it, I am looking for my Lord at the latter part of it, as about all of the Bible is fulfilled.

I am hoping that all of the saints will hold out faithfully to the end, let come what may come. Hard times are spoken of in the last days which may be hard to overcome, but the Lord said that He would not put more on man than he could bear.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

B. E. Coxwell

Announcement of Camp Sawyer

Everyone who has ever attended the Free Will Baptist Training Camp, a training institute for Christian workers sponsored by the League Convention of Georgia and East Florida, have been looking forward to some news about the camp for this summer. Many have been hearing the announcement from time to time over radio station WPAX of Thomasville, Georgia. Now you will see it in print.

The place will be the same as it was last year: an old abandoned CCC Camp with every advantage. There are plenty of buildings, water, cots, stove, and an ideal location for camp life. It is located eleven miles east of Bainbridge, Georgia, and nine miles south of Brinson, Georgia.

The time of the Leaguers' Institute will be the first week in August, or from August 4 to 9. Relative to the instructors, we are selecting some of the best in this section and as good as any others anywhere. Their names will be announced later as this part of the work is not complete as yet.

I suppose you are now ready to know something about the cost for the week at camp. Each student or camper must pay one dollar and fifty cents in cash, and bring enough groceries and vegetables to last him for the week. Be sure to bring bed linen and any other items that you might need. We will try to send a

complete list of such things as will be needed to as many churches and individuals as possible to help you think of every thing that may be needed. Be sure to write for a list and full information concerning the camp. These may be obtained from Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Georgia, or James B. Lovering, Colquitt, Georgia.

Watch the paper for other news about the camp, and be sure to meet us at Camp Sawyer on the First Sunday afternoon in August. It does not matter who you are: Leaguer, Sunday School worker, or any one else, old or young come to the camp. Come just any old way, and I'll tell you how you will leave rejoicing.

James B. Lovering, *Com.*

To the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

By C. J. Harris

Rev. Chester Pelt and I were in Raleigh a few days ago. While in the city, we looked through the Methodist church that is now being offered for sale. It is in good condition, located in a good section, being situated near the business part of Raleigh.

The Capital city has two Methodist churches that are going to merge. This means that one of the church building will be sold and at a bargain, I am sure. I am told that there are approximately eighty Free Will Baptists living in Raleigh. I believe it is an opportune time for some of our young, energetic ministers to make some investigations as to the possibility of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church in the State's Capital. The challenge may mean much to us as a denomination.

Our esteemed Brother Chester Pelt contemplates holding an evangelistic meeting in Raleigh in the near future. If any readers of this article feel interested in an effort to organize a congregation of our faith and order, in Raleigh, and to purchase the aforesaid church building, please manifest your interest by mailing a card to Rev. Chester Pelt, Greenville, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

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New Bern, N. C.

Johnson Union Aid Report

The Aid held its meeting at the church on Friday, April the twenty-sixth. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Buck Jones, and the members joined in singing the opening hymn, "Blessed Assurance." Then prayer was offered. Mrs. Clinton Smith gave the Bible reading, and Rev. W. H. Lancaster made a talk. A motion was made and carried that we buy paint for the church floor.

The following activities were entered into since the last meeting: members present, 24; contribution, 82 cents; report of the treasury, \$8.74; 21 chapters read in the Bible; 98 gallons of milk given away.

Several of the members entered into a chain of prayer after which the meeting closed with a song and prayer. Then the hostess served cup cakes and pickles. The society is to meet on May 4 for its next meeting.

Miss Eunice Warrick, *Secy.*

Beulaville Aid Report

Our Ladies Aid met in regular session on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in April with 24 members present. The dues paid were \$1.80; sick visits, 54; 1035 chapters read in the Bible.

The program given was as follows: Song, "He's My Friend," Scripture reading given by Carrie Grace Thomas, devotional thoughts given by Mrs. S. A. Smith, prayer by Mrs. Gertie Everton, poem read, "Ain't It Fine Today" by Helen Sumner, special song, "Kneel at the Cross," by Myrtle, Lessie, Verdrie Thomas and Dorothy Lee. This concluded our program.

In the business session we, by motion, voted to draw from the treasury \$2 to buy the Secretary and Treasurer's books. We then voted to add \$3.30 to the amount of 1.70, already collected, for the advancement of Christian education. The third motion was to have Dorothy Lee and Helen Sumner to serve on the program committee for the next month.

There being no further business, we were dismissed by our pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning.

Myrtle and Carrie

Grace Thomas

Mount Tabor Aid Report

The Ladies Aid society of Mt. Tabor Church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Bruce Phelps on May 9. It was called to order by the president, Mrs. Loomis Furlough. The members sang an opening song, and the First chapter of First John was read, followed with prayer by Mrs. D. H. Furlough.

The roll was then called with seven members present. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. The activities of the Aid were as follows: one quilt sent to the Orphanage, valued at \$3.00; dues paid in, \$1.45; 56 sick visits made; 13 trays taken to the sick; 8 flowers; chapters read in the Bible, 75; 6 quarts of milk given to the needy.

After the business was finished, the meeting was turned over to the Stewardship Committee. An interesting chapter was read after which the reading of questions were asked on the chapter, and answered by the members. Then the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. S. D. Phelps on June 13. Mrs. Sarah Holmes offered the benediction.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, *Secy.*

Lee's Chapel Aid Report

Our Ladies Aid held its meeting on April 18 at the home of Mrs. B. C. Godwin with 10 members and 3 visitors present. Mrs. W. B. Godwin, the president, called the society to order, a song was sung, and the scripture was read from Colossians 3: 1-9 by Mrs. Leon B. Taylor. The lesson was very ably discussed by Mesdames J. H. Williford, Mrs. J. A. Smith, and Mrs. Jack Tart which was enjoyed by all. We then entered into our business period of the meeting.

As we have changed our year to harmonize with our State Auxiliary Convention, which begins in May, we elected our new officers for the new year.

Treasurer's Report for Six Months
(OCTOBER to MARCH)

Dues collected ----- \$4.55
Birthday pennies for missions 1.08
Money raised other ways ---- 7.66

Total amount raised ---- \$76.29
Members on roll ----- 18
Active members ----- 16
Chapters read in the Bible ---- 647
Sick visits made ----- 232
Trays given to the sick ----- 46
Flowers ----- 3
Funeral designs ----- 2
Gallons of milk given away --- 79
Religious services conducted -- 8
Convalescent cards sent ----- 1
Bibles given to the needy ----- 1

Mrs. Neil Phillips, *Cor.-Secy.*

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.—Hebrews 9: 28.

*It cost him death to save our lives,
To buy our souls it cost his own;
And all the unknown joys he gives
Were bought with agonies unknown.*

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.—James 5: 7.

PROGRAM

Program of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States, to be held with the F. W. B. Church of Paintsville, Ky., beginning July 15, 1940.

MONDAY NIGHT

Opening of National Women's Auxiliary Convention

7:45—Song & Prayer Service—conducted by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
8:15—Sermon—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Midway, Texas

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Women's Auxiliary Convention

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Women's Auxiliary Convention

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service; Devotional—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri
8:00—Sermon—By Rev. D. F. Pelt of Alabama

WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Texas
9:00—Association called to order by the Clerk; Moderator takes charge
9:10—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates
9:30—Appointment of Committee on Credentials; Appointment of Finance Committee to receive Association dues
9:40—Welcome Address—Rev. H. B. Conley, Paintsville, Kentucky
9:50—Response—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Georgia
10:00—Business Period—Report of Credentials Committee; Election of Officers and Board Members; Appointment of Temporary Committees: 1. Publicity; 2. Business Resolutions; 3. Formal Resolutions; 4. Petitions and Requests; 5. Registration [Fee Committee]
10:30—Moderator's Message
11:00—Song and Prayer Service
11:20—Associational Sermon—Rev. George D. Dunbar, Chucky, Tennessee
12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional—Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois
1:45—Miscellaneous Business; Reading of minutes of morning session; Enrollment of delegates late in arriving; Report of Credentials Committee
2:30—Report of Board of Education
3:30—Report of Women's Auxiliary Convention
4:00—Adjournment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service; Devotional—Rev. F. C. Zinn, Springfield, Missouri
8:15—Sermon—Rev. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

THURSDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. Aston Peques, Nормange, Texas.
9:00—Business Periods: Reading of minutes of Wednesday's proceedings; Enrollment of Delegates late in arriving; Reports of Temporary Committees
9:30—Report of Home Mission Board
10:00—Report of Sunday School Board
10:30—Report of Denominational Publications
11:00—Song and Prayer Service
11:20—Sermon—Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, North Carolina
12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Rev. Floyd Cherry, Dothan, Alabama
1:45—Business Period: Reading of minutes of preceding sessions; Committee Reports; Publicity, Business Resolutions; Registration Fee Committee
2:30—Report of Foreign Mission Board
3:00—Report of Executive Board
3:10—Report of Superannuation Board
3:40—Reports on Orphanage work
4:10—Selection of place of next meeting after report of Petitions & Requests Committee
4:20—Adjournment

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service—Devotional—Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Virginia
8:15—Sermon—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Oklahoma

FRIDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. J. A. Kemper from Ohio
9:00—Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday and Thursday proceedings. Final reports of the following committees: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Formal Resolutions, Registration Fee Committee, Finance, Treasurer's Report. Decision on number and distribution of minutes, Completion of all unfinished business
10:30—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board
11:00—Report of National Statistician
11:30—Miscellaneous
12:00—Final Adjournment

DIRECTORS OF MUSIC—Wednesday, Mr. I. L. Stanley, Greenville, Tennessee; Thursday, Rev. R. E. Tripp, North Carolina; Friday, Mr. Marvin, Dalton, Tulsa, Okla.

Good Books Christians Should Possess

1. A MINISTERING MINISTRY
By W. R. Walker -----\$1.25
2. HIS TRUTH ENDURETH By
James C. Muir -----\$2.00
3. LITTLE STUDIES ON
GREAT THINGS By Nancy
A. Allen -----\$.25
4. TALKS TO GIRLS By Helen
Welshimer -----\$.50
5. THE OPEN GATE TO PRAY-
ER By Mabel N. Thurston
-----\$.25
6. A GARDEN OF PRAYERS
(for Juniors)
Texford Press, N. Y. -----\$.40
7. GOD'S CHALLENGE (tract)
By the Tract Committee each
3c; per doz. 30c; per 100 \$2.50
8. STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN
STEWARDSHIP -----\$.30
9. A PPEACHER'S NOTE-
BOOK by Paul B. Bull, M.
A. -----\$1.50
10. HOW TO PRAY By R. A.
Tory -----\$.20
11. A LITTLE DICTIONARY
OF PHRASES By W. K.
Lowther Clarke, D. D. The
MacMillan Co. -----\$.75

The books in the above list are fine and should be in every Christian home. They are inexpensive and most any home can afford to own at least some of them. They are written by men and women who had spiritual insight into God's holy will toward man, and were divinely led, we believe, to give to the public works that are wholesome and uplifting.

We have these books in store at the Press for sale. Any individuals, Auxiliary societies, Prayer bands, Sunday Schools, ministers, churches, etc. may purchase the number desired by sending your order to Mr. C. K. Dunn, Business Manager, F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.—Editor.

St. Claire Bible Class

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Testing Conduct by Its Usefulness

(Lesson for June 2)

Lesson: Ezekiel 15: 1-6; Matthew 5: 13-16; 7: 16-20; 1 Corinthians 10: 6, 7.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Ye shall know them by their fruits*" (Matthew 7: 16).

A young man who had recently been converted was asked: "What have you done for Christ since you believed?"

"Oh, I am a learner," he replied.

"Well," said his friend, "when you light a candle, do you do it to make the candle more comfortable, or for to give light?"

"To give light, of course."

"Do you expect it to give light after it is half burned, or when you first light it?"

"As soon as I light it."

"Very well; go thou and do likewise; begin at once."

Shortly afterward, there were fifty more Christians in that town as a result of this young man's testimony.

In a south coast town a business girl was having a very hard time among her friends because she was a Christian. She was tempted to give up, but a preacher whom she consulted asked:

"Where do we put the lights?"

She puzzled at the question, so he continued: "We put the light in a dark place."

In a moment she saw his meaning, and realized that God had put her in those difficult surroundings that she might shine there for her Lord. She

determined to be more courageous, and a few weeks later came to the preacher with a group of other girls, all radiant with joy.

"Oh," she said, "the thirteenth from our business house has decided for Christ to night!"—*Publisher Unknown.*

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

The various passages chosen for this lesson do not have any connection, but they are supposed to teach us the principle of temperate living. It would seem as if there is a deeper truth contained in them, namely, the worthlessness of an empty profession.

1. WORTHLESS WOOD (*Ezekiel 15: 1-6*). The attention of the Prophet Ezekiel was called to a vine. Now we know that a growing, flourishing vine is attractive in appearance. But the principal reason for its existence lies in the fact that it is designed for fruit-bearing. That is why Jesus used it as a figure setting forth the relation between Himself and the believers, which will enable them to bring forth fruit for His glory (*John 15: 1-6*). If it fails in this respect it is of no value.

2. SAVORLESS SALT AND LIGHTLESS LIGHT (*Matthew 5: 13-16*). Salt is a condiment and also a preservative. It is the latter the Lord seems to have in mind. It suggests the fact that the world is badly in need of a preservative. It is a fact that the true Christians have always been the ones whose presence in the world has saved civilization from a complete collapse on a number of occasions. But the Lord speaks of a danger in connection with the salt. It may lose its savor; i. e., it may lose its distinctive quality. There is the weak point. As long as men are true to the Lord they are a blessing in the world, but if they are unfaithful their testimony is of no account. Savorless salt is absolutely worthless and fit only to be trodden under foot. That is what happened to Jerusalem, and to many other places that were once favored with

the Gospel, because they were unfaithful.

"Ye are the light of the world." In the strictest and highest sense Christ Himself is the true Light of the world. John describes Him as such (*John 1: 4-9*), and He declares of Himself (*9: 4, 5*). But He knew that men would reject Him, and so in anticipation He spoke these words to His disciples, words which apply to all believers. Of course, none of us are light in ourselves, but we can all be like the moon. It has no light either, but it reflects the light of the sun. And so we can reflect the light of Jesus Christ in a sinful world.

3. FALSE FRUITS (*Matthew 7: 16-20*). This passage is a warning against false prophets. They are described as wolves who appear in sheep's clothing. Their appearance may be favorable, unless one looks too closely. The Lord gives us criterion by which to judge them. Their fruits will reveal their true character. A wolf may be covered with a sheep skin, but his young would be cubs and not lambs. In like manner, trees have certain fruits which they bear naturally.

4. SECRET SINS (*1 Corinthians 10: 6, 7*). The Apostle Paul is reminding the Corinthian Christians of the experiences of the Israelites, and the warning connected with these experiences. These two verses speak of two great sins they committed, both more or less secret.

The first was idolatry. Of course this was sometimes carried on openly, as in the case of the golden calf, and on many other occasions; but it was also carried on in secret (*Ezekiel 8: 7-18*) while outwardly the service of the Lord was performed. The idolatry with which we are troubled is mostly secret. Men still go thru the motions of worshiping the Lord, but in secret the affections of their heart are bestowed upon other things.

The other was fornication. The character of this sin is such that it is usually kept secret, yet even this

was committed quite brazenly at one time among the Israelites (*Numbers 25: 1-9*).—J. C. T.

5. MUCH MORE valuable information can be obtained from our Adult and Senior Quarterlies. Don't neglect this source of blessing.

League News from Macedonia Church

The Senior League of Macedonia Church held its regular monthly class meeting on the first Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Florence Ipock. Miss Johnnie Ipock and Mrs. Ipock were joint hostesses. Brinson Moore handed in his resignation as president of the class and Cleve Norman resigned as group captain. The Class is grateful to these two boys who have filled their places so well for more than the required term. Mrs. Julia Gault was chosen president and presided over the meeting. Miss Alice Toler was appointed as group captain. Other new officers elected were Mrs. Mildred Vendix, recording secretary; Mrs. Lula Whiteford, treasurer; Miss Rena Gaskins will remain as vice-president.

The Senior Leaguers will have charge of the worship period on the Second Sunday night. Miss Alice Toler, chairman of the program committee, gave an outline of the program to be presented. It will center around reverence. Mrs. Ipock, class instructor, will give a short talk on reverence, while the scripture reading, song and prayer will dwell on the same subject.

Miss Estelle Godley was appointed to make the poster to be put on display at the morning sessions, urging people to attend the league Sunday night. In June the class will have a meeting to be strictly social. Mrs. George Ipock, Mrs. Alice Toler and Mrs. Julia Gault, who make up the social committee, will have charge of all arrangements and plans.

Mrs. Lula Whiteford,
Corresponding-Secretary

A Final Appeal to Our Women

Dear Women:

I believe I told you in my last article that it would, perhaps, be my only appeal to you concerning our educational program, but as the month of June draws near I feel I must send this message to let you women throughout our entire denomination, know that I am depending on you to raise a large sum and send to Brother Davidson as early as possible, so I might get a grand report from him for our National meeting in July. Pray earnestly, for I do know the prayers of our good women have brought about great results in our program for Christ. Brother Davidson will have interesting news for us concerning this work, I'm sure, when we meet him in Paintsville, Kentucky. Our youth is our contribution to the world of to-morrow. Let us sacrifice for them, so they might be able to render a more efficient service for the Master than we have wrought.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. J. R. Bennett

Notice to All Members of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church

At the March, 1940 Quarterly meeting at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, it was voted to revise our church roll. All members of this church are asked to be present at the Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 22, 1940, and answer "roll call." Those who are unable to be present may have some member present to answer for them. You are urged to be present or have some one to answer for you, as only those who answer roll call or are answered for will constitute the active membership of this church after the above date.

Willet L. Moretz, *Pastor*,
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Home-Coming Postponed!

This is to notify the church and community at White Hill, Beaufort County that the home-coming date has been changed from the Third Sunday in June to the Second Sunday in October.

All interested persons please take note of this change of date for our home-coming celebration at White Hill Church.

Jessie E. Cayton

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.—Isa. 41: 14.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.—John 14: 2.

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CANNON—It is with a sad heart that I write the death of Mrs. Katie Mae Cannon. She departed this life on May 5, 1940 at the home of her parents. She was born February 22, 1918, making her stay on earth 22 years, 2 months and 13 days. Her death succeeded that of an infant only a few hours. The infant was dead at birth. Our loss is her eternal gain, and let us bow to the will of God who is too wise to make a mistake.

She was married to Willie Cannon on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving in 1936. They were very much devoted to each other.

She was united with the Free Will Baptist church five years ago. She was always ready and willing to help when she was called upon to carry on the church work. She was a sweet girl and was loved by all who knew her. Saturday afternoon before she died Sunday, she said that she loved everybody, and loved Jesus too, and did not mind dying, only leaving her loved ones.

She was a graduate of New Port High School five years ago. She had a host of relatives, friends and acquaintances. Those surviving are the husband, Willie Cannon, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Garner, one sister, Lillian E. Garner, and three brothers, L. Glenn, Artis B., and Nathan Garner, all of Newport.

The funeral services were conducted at the Free Will Baptist church at three o'clock on Monday afternoon, May 6, by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett and assisted by Rev. W. E. Anderson. Mother and child were buried together in the Ameriah Cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

Mrs. Roy T. Garner

EDWARDS—On March 22, 1940 God in His great wisdom called the soul of our father, Robert Edwards. He was 64 years, 11 months and 27 days old.

He is gone and how we miss him;
Dear friends you do not know;
But Jesus called him home,
So from us he had to go.

We loved him, yes, we loved him,
But Jesus loved him best;
And he has taken him out of his suffering,
To dwell in peace and rest.

He is out of all his sorrows,
Out of all his pain and woe,
No more of trials and troubles
Will our daddy ever know.

Our home is sad and lonely
And there's the vacant chair;
But Jesus knew best for him
And called him up there.

His life on earth is over
And his life crown has been won,
May all friends meet him in glory,
When their work on earth is done.

Written by his daughter and daughter-in-law,

Miriam and Ruby Edwards.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to transplant in a better world our teacher, Mrs. Laura Wiggins, and two of our members, Mrs. Minnie Hughson, and Mrs. Wiggins, we the Ladies Bible class of Hickory Chapel wish to submit these resolutions as a tribute of our love and respect for them:

FIRST, that we humbly bow in submission to God's will;

SECOND, That we commend their families to our all-wise and ever-present Father, and urge them to strive to emulate the lives of these who put "first things first"; and

THIRD, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to their respective families; a copy be spread on our minutes; and a copy be sent to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication.

"There is no flock however watched and tended,

But one dead lamb is there;
There is no fireside howsoever defended,
But has one vacant chair."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Willoughby

Love

Love is the sweetest bud that blows,
Its beauty never dies;
On earth among the saints it grows,
And ripens in the skies.

Pure, glowing red and spotless
white,
Its perfect colors are,
In Jesus all its sweets unite
And look divinely fair,

The finest flower that ever blowed
Opened on Calvary's tree,

When Jesus' blood so freely flowed
For love of worthless me.

Its deepest hue, its richest smell,
No mortal sense can bear,
Nor can the tongue of angels tell
How bright its colors are.

Earth could not hold so rich a
flower
Nor half its beauty show,
Nor could the world, and Satan's
power,
Confine its sweets below.

On Canaan's banks supremely fair,
This flower of wonders bloom
Transplanted to its native air,
And all the shores perfume.

But not to Canaan's shores confined,
The seeds that from it blows;
Take root within the human mind,
And scent the church below.

And soon on yonder banks above
Shall every blossom here
Appear a full, ripe flower of love,
Like Him transplanted there.

Miss Almata McLawhorn,
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The Country Church

(Continued from page three)

those things which become most fruitful to the church and the Kingdom of God. In the Parable of Sower the seeds sown among thorns represent those who hear the word, but become unfruitful through the care-reers of the world and the deceitfulness of riches. John prayed for Gaius that he might prosper and be in health even as his soul prospered. But tens of thousands of members of churches which still hold to an outworn pioneer program are prospering in their worldly goods a hundred times more than they have prospered in their souls. They have sought to support the institutions of religion with dimes, while they spent hundreds and thousands on themselves, and leanness of soul has come upon them. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the program for adjusting the usages

and methods of our country churches to the present needs of rural communities must be essentially a spiritual program. Plans and efforts there must be, for we tabernacle in the flesh cannot do without plans. But the most scientific and strategic plans will fail, if they are not the working out of a strong and determined spiritual purpose to honor or by a rededication of ourselves to him for service. The times in which we now live make it imperative that the religion of the individual shall adjust its spirit and action to a conscious effort for the general social weal.

Not by might nor power nor worldly wisdom, but by the spirit of God, will the rural churches of this country, particularly the South save themselves and the country communities from the sad static torpidity and inefficiency which threatens not only the churches, but that great mass of rural citizenship which has been and, by the blessing of God, must continue to be, the mainstay of our national civilization. The country church and preacher must furnish the community with religious ideals, religious motives, religious inspiration, and religious power. Failing in this as a dynamic, no amount of real or imagined scientific alertness and efficiency will be less than a barren failure. Better even the torpidity of outworn pioneer usage than the conceit of alertness in dancing about the golden calf of worldly-wise efficiency.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Thur., May 23	St. Mary's (New Bern)	Craven
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Sat., May 25	Arapahoe	Pamlico
Sun., May 26	Rock of Zion	Pamlico
Mon., May 27	New Bethlehem	Pamlico
Tues., May 28	Warden's Grove	Pamlico
Wed., May 29	Mt. Zion	Pamlico
Thur., May 30	Bethel	Pamlico
Fri., May 31	Oriental	Pamlico
Saturday, June 1	Trent	Pamlico

Mon., June 3	White Hill	Beaufort	Mon., June 17	Mt. Tabor	Washington
Tues., June 4	Dublin Grove	Beaufort	Tues., June 18	Soundside	Tyrrell
Wed., June 5	Smyrna	Beaufort	Wed., June 19	Gum Neck	Tyrrell
Thur., June 6	Core Point Chap.	Beaufort	Thur., June 20	M. lalchi's Chap.	Tyrrell
Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort	Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
Sat., June 8	Shiloh	Beaufort	Sat., June 22	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
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Laura Belle Barnard

At the beginning of this year as I reviewed our work as a whole I felt deeply concerned by the lack of response, especially from the Kotas, and I began to examine our methods and to seek guidance as to what we could do to make our witness more effective unto real fruit-bearing. I sought help from the Methodist Mission here, asking for a representation from their volunteer group to go with us weekly at night to the Kota village. It so happened in God's perfectly timed calendar of events that the Methodist evangelist was to come to Kotagiri the following week, bringing lantern slides of the life of Christ. We were able to have this man two nights at the Kota village, where he showed the pictures and preached most earnestly. It was God's own provision, I am sure, for through these pictures and the thorough messages given, the people were able to hear and to see, perhaps as they had never had opportunity before, the full Gospel message. The meeting, held out in the open, with a sheet hung up on the side of one of their small shacks as a screen, were well attended and there were indications of real blessing.

In previous letters I think I have referred to a priest of this tribe. The week before the special meetings, when I was talking with him, he had asked for a Bible. At that time I had placed my own Bible in his hands and heard him read aloud John 3: 18, 36 and 5: 24. He was pricked deeply by these verses and became fiercely argumentative. It was like the "howling" of one stabbed by the Word and unwilling to yield to its claims. I could not discern the motive behind his request for a Bible, whether it was genuine or simply an endeavor to get hold of definite passages to criticize. Then

on the last night of special meetings the old priest stood up, just when the scenes of the crucifixion were being shown, and tried to shout down the speaker. However, the evangelist appeared not to notice him and kept on speaking, and the priest soon quieted down, much to the relief of us all. At the close of the meeting I sent word that I had brought the Bible requested, though after his conduct in the meeting I wondered whether he would come and receive it. But in the moonlight I could see his robust form pushing eagerly through the crowd, coming towards us. Still, I wondered in what frame of mind he would come, but all his anger was assuaged and he seemed delighted by the presentation of the Book. I request prayer for this priest, as I feel that God has begun to deal with him, and he is a key-person in this village.

These lantern meetings helped tremendously, and we have gone each week since, following up the work. Both Mrs. Kanaka and I feel that we have never met with such friendliness, eagerness to hear, and a real spirit of seeking, as we find among these people just now. So we earnestly ask your prayers for them. The priest is only one of several who have been changed at least in their attitude toward the Gospel and towards the Lord's messengers. There are three or four young men with whom we discuss the claims of Christ each week, and we feel they are advancing in their receptivity of the Truth. Last week when we asked for a young man with whom we were accustomed to having a visit, his father came out to say his son was not there. We then drew the father into conversation, and, although at first he feigned no interest, he admitted finally that he was greatly interested and that he was

grateful to us for explaining the Word to him. He also asked for a copy of the Bible. Besides these men, there is the old blind woman who looks forward to our visits as a little time of refreshing that savors the week for her and when sometimes we spent our time with others and must hurry away without seeing her, she does not fail to remind us when we return that we did not call on her the previous week. There is a couple of young women who are interested, and one of them seems to be a believer at heart. Some weeks ago this one came running after us when we were some distance away from the village, and presented us with a lap-ful of parched grain, and explained that she had sought us outside the village because she was constrained to give us a present and was afraid the people might hinder her if they knew it. Recently I was pointing out some verses to her in a Gospel of John which she'd received long ago and had kept safely locked up in a box. I asked her to read John 4: 34, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work." When we talked a moment about the work Jesus was sent into the world to do, I asked her to read John 19: 30, where it is recorded that Jesus said, "It is finished." I asked the girl what she thought Jesus referred to as having been finished. She hesitated in deep thought for a second, and answered, "His work of saving men!" This was the answer which a young heathen girl, hearing the word for the first time, could give. It seemed to me that the Lord's words to Peter were also applicable to her: "Blessed art thou . . . for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father." This gives an idea of a few of those who

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EDITORIAL

James said, "the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things." All will agree that it is freely used at times to express one's feelings, whether good or bad. The trouble is it makes known

The Unruly Member some things which people should not hear. They would be better off if they did

not hear them. It becomes a little fire at times when pent-up feelings are let out. Some hearts are made to bleed. It can disturb the peace of a whole church. In fact, church progress is sometimes hindered for months because of this little fire. Until the little fire dies down, the whole community is out of harmony. Some church members quit going to church on the account of the little fires which the tongues of some have started to stir up strife. "It defileth the whole body." Yes, the whole church gets in an upset condition. It even gets into some family affairs, and becomes a little fire of unruly evil. It is full of deadly poison when "set on fire of hell." James said, "these things ought not so to be."

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The writer to the Hebrews said the Lord "will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The Lord is present with those who call upon him. His presence is felt by those who seek

The Lord's Presence to walk in His pathway. He is always willing to draw close to all who desire His leadership. He is a

very present help in time of trouble and great temptation. He hears the cry of those in distress and will draw near unto them to comfort and to cheer. No friend can be so close and so helpful to anyone as the Lord. He should be the daily companion of everyone, and He will if people will seek His presence and His protecting care. No one should wait until

he is in trouble to call upon the Lord. His loving care and tender mercies are the rights of everyone to enjoy every day if they will but accept his blessings.

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The writer of the one hundred and nineteenth psalm said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted" (v. 71). We believe certain afflictions have been profitable to some people. They

The Value of Affliction have brought them to become more considerate of God and of their relations to their fellow-man.

This was true of Israel as a nation when grave afflictions fell upon her. Individuals, under certain conditions, take time to meditate upon their past un-doings when they are on their beds of afflictions. Some have become entirely different in their attitude toward God and in their way of living when they have been brought to consider their afflictions. They came to realize that the higher powers sometimes visit upon them afflictions as tests of their patience, faith and obedience to the supreme Being. Is it not true that certain trials and afflictions of some people today serve as means of chastisements? Are there not some who, by their careless conduct, bring afflictions upon themselves? Often valuable lessons are learned from the endurance of certain afflictions. But some people will not be drawn close to the Lord until they have to undergo such hard and trying afflictions.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

DO YOU KNOW?

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat him loveth him that is begotten of

him" (1 John 5:1). The *the* mentioned here signifies *The Promised One*. God promised to Eve (Gen. 3:15) and to her descendants—those who would believe—a Saviour, *the Christ* and John says, that if, we believe that Jesus is that one we are born of God. Do you believe it?

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:6). Remember that John says, whether we believe it or not, that if, we say, "We have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie."

FALSE PROPHETS

"Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because any false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Notice that John calls a "false spirit," a "false prophet." A prophet is made able to prophesy by the spirit that actuates his life. If the Devil rules—if he is dominated by the flesh—and the powers of the world, regardless to what he says he is a false prophet. If Christ lives and abides in the prophet's life then he is a true prophet.

THE MARKS OF FALSE SPIRITS
(FALSE PROPHETS)

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:2, 3).

Those who do not believe in the

incarnation; that is, believe that "Jesus is come in the flesh" is not of God. Since they are not of God they must be of the Devil. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1: 1,2). The Word was none other than Jesus Christ. This Scripture shows His Deity. The assurance is given further that the Word was made flesh. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1: 14). So, God's Word was being born of woman without the knowledge of man, therefore, to believe not the incarnation is to make God the liar.

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A TRUE WITNESS

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself, he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (1 John 5: 9, 10). Reader, do you believe God's record? If you believe every word that God has recorded concerning the incarnation and the Deity of the man who was called Jesus and thus believing, you have accepted Him as your personal Saviour, trusting Him for time and eternity, confessing your sins to God through Him (Jesus) and seeking to obey Him as your Lord, you are a saved person, and have become a child of God, thereby, you are made able to look to God and say, "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6: 9, 10). And if you do not believe every word that God has recorded concerning the incarnation, the Deity, the atoning blood, the vicarious suffering of Christ and His substitutional death on the cross,

you have no right to call God Father, nor to lay claim to Christianity.

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Seven

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

By WILLIAM E. COVILLE, *Chairman,*
National Sunday School Board

Point eight of the proposed Standard is divided into three parts as follows: Spiritual qualification and church affiliation of teachers, training requirements of teachers and officers, and training requirements of the school.

In my estimation this is the most vital point in the whole Standard. The success or failure of any Sunday school depends on the Christians in the school and their degrees of spirituality, the officers and teachers and officers and their degrees of training and, the extent to which the school as a whole is trained.

"All officers and teachers shall be *Christians* whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach." This is the first and most important part of point eight of the Standard. It first requires that all officers and teachers shall be Christians. It would be a foolish waste of time if I were to discuss the necessity of all officers and teachers being Christians, however, I do wish to emphasize the importance of our officers and teachers conducting themselves at all times in a manner that will impress upon their pupils the fact that they are not Christians in name only that they are true children of God. Officers and teachers will find little difficulty in leading the lost of the Sunday School to Jesus Christ if they will live lives that will stand up under the closest scrutiny of the unsaved.

The Standard not only requires that the teachers and officers be Christians but, that their membership shall be in the church in which

they hold office or teach. There is perhaps more room for discussion on this point than on the requirement that they be Christians.

I believe, if we are honest in our reasoning, that we will agree that there are no advantages in using as officers and teachers members of churches of another denomination or even members of other churches of our own faith. I have studied this question from every angle and, as yet, I have found only disadvantages; a few of which I wish to mention.

We are proud of our doctrine, we are satisfied with it, and we want our doctrine taught in our Sunday schools. The only way we may be assured that the Free Will Baptist doctrine will be taught in our schools is to use Free Will Baptist Literature taught by Free Will Baptist teachers. Can you show me a school of another denomination that is using our literature of our people as teachers? There are very few if any. If you have members of churches of other denominations who are interested to the extent that they are willing to hold office or teach in your school, you have failed in that you have not already brought them in as members of your church. If we shall preserve the fundamentals of the Bible, the Free Will Baptist doctrine, and our denomination as a religious institution, we must teach the truths of the Bible as presented by our own people.

There is still another phase of this officer and teacher question. Shall we use officers and teachers in our Sunday School Free Will Baptists who are members of other Free Will Baptist churches. The Standard requires that officers and teachers be members of the church in which they hold office or teach. How can the officer or teacher whose membership is elsewhere urge the new converts to become members of the church to which they themselves do not belong? The convert will wonder why that officer or teacher is not a member. The condition may so

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A Message from India

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seem to be taking in the message to some extent, and we feel very burdened for all of them. Pray for them as we speak to them from week to week and as they are left during the week to consider what they have heard.

Yesterday, while we were in this village, a small child died. She had a dreadful disease which we detected on our first visit nearly two years ago, but the parents took no heed to our warning that it was serious. And now she is gone. It was a harrowing experience to be present at the very moment when life was departing, and to witness all the diabolic ceremony and the utterly hopeless sorrow of hearts that brought forth weeping and wailing that could not be comforted. But the experience has deepened them to Christ. They have taken the body to the burning ground and all that was mortal has been reduced to ashes, and the village mourn because they will never see this loved one again. In this case it was a small child who was not old enough to receive or reject the Lord. I felt I could say with confidence that she was with Christ and that they would be reunited with this dear one if they would receive the Lord as their Saviour. But men and women are constantly dying, dying in their sins without God and without hope. Since writing the above, a young man of just over 30 years has been suddenly called from this life, and now the whole tribe (not excluding the two wives of the deceased) is in deep mourning. The tragedy lies not in the fact that these live and die with no knowledge of the comforts of our modern civilization, but that they live and die and slip out into eternity with no knowledge of Christ, the Resurrection and the Life. When we realize that not only in this village but all over India there are millions dying in like manner, we are faced with a tremendous challenge.

When will Christendom awake and put on the whole armor of God?

In our Kotagiri work there are many prayer needs. Perhaps the saddest fact I have to report in connection with the work in this section is Moses's and Gnanamani's denial of their faith in Christ. This is the couple for whom I asked special prayer because they were undergoing terrible persecution. They underwent — Well, the dear Lord only knows how much! I heard from one source that Gnanamani was actually dragged about by the hair of her head in an attempt to bring her to the point of returning to Hinduism. There is no doubt about it, they endured for a season. Then one day they were seen out in a grove kneeling before a heathen shrine, denying the Lord who bought them and re-affirming their faith in the gods of their fathers, while a gloating group of spectators rejoiced in their victory. Alas, for Moses and Gnanamani! How can I tell you our grief and sorrow? I cannot repeat the detailed happenings connected with the whole affair. I can only commend the two to your hearts for continual prayer, that, like Peter, they may yet see the face of their Lord and be smitten with bitter conviction, until in humble penitence they come back to the fold. Let us not judge them, for God only can do this. What might Christians in America do under similar circumstances? How these people need your prayers! Gnanamani came into a house where the Bible woman was explaining the Scriptures to some Christians a few days ago and she listened eagerly. This is the first time such a thing has happened since she turned back, and it may be taken as encouragement.

The other converts are not free from persecutions and other testings. If we sometimes grow weary in well-doing, if we are at times tempted to wonder whether it is worth the price, if we complain that the way is hard, and forgetting that we are not alone, shrink from the

uphill pull and for a short moment yield to an impulse to turn back, how much more is it true of these poor, weak and ignorant Christians. So I pleaded with you all to put these young Christians on your prayer list and hold them up daily before the Throne of Grace that they through your prayers may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need. For your convenience in remembering them, may I name them again here and count on your daily prayers for them.

Absalom and Ada: David, son of 15 years; Chellamal (formerly Koo-poo) about 12 or 13, the very fortress of our small group of Christians. Amon, 9 years; Ahiezer, 6; and Baruk 4. In February a new little girl was born into this home. Let us pray for a special blessing on her. Also add a special petition for Ada that she may realize her responsibility as mother in a Christian home.

Ruth, widow, in very frail health generally, and suffering a great deal recently from a strange infection on her hands and feet which cause continual pain. Ruth is the mother of the three girls in boarding school, Esther, Grace and Dorothy, and of William. William is inclined to be self-satisfied and lazy spiritually, though he has no thought of returning to Hinduism. The three girls seem genuinely converted and are steadfast. This family needs prayer for grace to meet the daily problems of life and to see the goodness of God through them. It takes really keen spiritual vision to see the mercy and goodness of the Lord through illness, want, and suffering. There have been days when this family did not have food to eat. Now William has a job and things are better. Pray also for these three girls and their future. We need guidance in directing them. The eldest daughter in this home is still a staunch Hindu, and there is an elder son also who is a Roman Catholic. This adds to their problems.

Rose Kannamal, a young widow

of about 20 years, with her small girl of 6 or 7. Rose has been tormented from every side and is still in the fiery furnace, so to speak. We know that if Satan leaves her only for a little season. Little Grace Rajammal is a treasure, a beautiful child, so sweetly innocent of all the struggles her young mother has. How different it will be with these children, brought up in a Christian home, never having to go through the horrors of heathenism and persecutions from their families as their parents are now having to do. Rose's mother, who lives with her, claims to believe but delays taking a stand. Rose stands in the most difficult position of all the new converts, so special prayer is urged for her.

Chellamal, Absalom's daughter mentioned above, is the girl I have written about so often. She is the greatest joy and encouragement we have. She is the Lord's treasured gift to us, and I beg of you to hold her up in your prayers. She often brings new inspiration to us leaders thru her prayers, her understanding of spiritual things, and her adamant stand for Christ. A couple of weeks ago we had an experience which emphasized our leading that the Lord was choosing out Chellamal for a definite work in life. One of the teachers was attending the funeral of a relative, and the other one was sick and unable to come to school. Although I was prepared for the first emergency, I did not know of the second one until just at school time a child brought a note from the teacher who was sick. It so happened that I was unable to get to school immediately to meet the emergency, so I commissioned Chellamal to ring the bell at the proper time and to look after the children the best she could until I could get there. When I finally arrived at school, what I found was a cheer to my heart. Chellamal was complete mistress of the situation. In one room the larger children were sitting with book in hand, as quiet as mice (which is

not true when the teacher is present), and Chellamal herself was in the other room with the small children. One child was standing up reciting a Bible lesson, while the other 20 were in rapt attention. When I went in, the meek little girl-teacher said, "Amma, we sang our song as usual when we marched in, we had our morning prayers, and now I am having the Bible lesson. What would you like me to do next?" That was exactly according to schedule. This twelve year old girl was governing the school with a firm but loving hand that would have earned credit for either of the regular teachers! What else was there to do? I was so happy that I fairly wept for joy, and my only answer to her humble inquiry was to ask her to continue as she had begun. And so she did continue the whole day in the classroom with all the dignity, the authority, and balanced judgment of a full-fledged teacher. Through this incident I felt I had discovered that she has real talent and is worthy of being helped to a real opportunity in life.

I long to be able to tell you all personally of these individuals and all the interesting things that happen. I wish you could be here some night and hear the singing that rises like sweet incense from this valley. The young boys and girls who came to school and Sunday school gather at night after their supper and sing Christian hymns and lyrics. How lovely their voices sound when the earth is otherwise hushed and still. Often, after a day filled with many a heartache and discouragement I am refreshed and heartened as the strains of Christian music come like cheery sunbeams through my window, and I always lift my heart in special praise for this significant root of the gospel planted deep in the heart of the sweeper villages. It seems to infuse into the atmosphere of the valley a fragrance of Christ. Our children are very fond of mus-

ic and never tire of singing. They love drums and musical instruments, and use any sort of utensil that in any wise imitates the sound of a drum. Also they improvise musical instruments. At Christmas time a planter's children sent us, among other toys, two drums, and these have been a source of great delight to our children in school and Sunday school, although of course they have an almost excruciating "tinny" sound! I trust it may some day be possible to have a few inexpensive instruments and to find some one who can instruct at least two or three of our group. This would be a great satisfaction to them and add to their social interests.

I would like special prayer for about a half-dozen very old people who have not accepted Christ. Some of them are so friendly and so lovable. Night by night I wonder to which one of them the Lord may say, "This night thy soul is required of thee," and in the morning whether they will see the close of day. As I stood among the crowd of sorrowers at the death of the little Kota girl, I thanked God that He had spared these old grey heads yet a while, and I poured out my heart in prayer that they might really receive Christ before having to lay off this tabernacle. Precious souls for whom Christ died!

Notice

The Sunday School and League Convention of the Central Conference will meet with Rose Hill Church June 20, 1940. Each League and Sunday School in the conference is urged to send delegates to this meeting.

Jasper Lewis, *President*
Jessie R. Brewer, *Rec.-Secy.*

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Alumni Notes

W. H. Howell, Secretary

On Mother's Day, May 12, the first annual "Home-coming" day was observed at the Orphanage. We are glad to announce that it was a great success. There were thirty three former children present and a number of outside friends. All present stated that they plan to attend again next year, and were sorry indeed that the other former children were not present. We hope that all of the former children will plan to attend next year.

Report on Home-Coming

At noon, the former children met in the school room for their business meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President, Robert Brewer, who gave a summary of the accomplishments of the organization during its first year. He then stated the aim of the association. The chief aim of our association is "To promote a closer relationship between former children of the Orphanage and the Home, and to sponsor a permanent connection between each and every former child."

An attempt was made to get addresses of former children not now on the mailing list. Five more names were added.

The matter of drawing up a constitution for the organization was discussed. The following members of a committee were appointed by the President to draw up a constitution and present it at the next meeting: Mrs. Bobby Williams (Audry Winstead) chairman, Mrs. Dupree, and Mr. Carl Whitley, all of Raleigh. It was decided that officers of the organization should remain in office for two years.

Miss Velva Daughtry, on behalf of the Orphanage then expressed the pleasure of having the former children and friends come back to visit the home, and expressed hope that in the future our Home-coming days

would be larger and better. She then invited each former child and friends to the Orphanage dining hall where a very delightful luncheon was served. At the luncheon the following program was followed, with the President, Robert Brewer, presiding:

Thanks -----Rev. James Evans
Welcome Address -----John Linton
Lunch -----Enjoyed by all present
Introduction of speaker—W. H.

Howell

Address—"Our Task"—Rev. M. E. Tyson

Recognition of the following honorary guest by Robert Brewer: Mr. W. C. Marshburn of Varina, N. C.; Mr. C. G. Pope, former Superintendent; Mr. Ralvin McLeod, Buie's Creek, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. James Weatherington, Mrs. Bettie Thompson and Mrs. Bessie Corbett.

Mr. Tyson, who was to leave the Orphanage the following Wednesday, gave a brief review of his five and one half years service as Superintendent of the Orphanage. We include here a few of the facts presented.

"Since coming to the Orphanage over five years ago, a ten thousand (\$10,000) dollar debt has been cleared and the Orphanage put on a cash basis. Over eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) have been invested in the improvement of buildings and grounds. Plans for additional building have been drawn up and already fifty thousand bricks are on the grounds and paid for. We now have a plant here worth from eighty five to one hundred thousand dollars. On next Wednesday I will shake the hand of Mr. Evans, the incoming Superintendent and turn over the keys of the Institution to him free of debt and something over three thousand (\$3,000) dollars in the bank."

Then, in farewell, Mr. Tyson said, "Closing our stay here, I am proud of our Institution. I thank God I was allowed to pass your way, and in leaving I shall continue to do my best for the Orphanage. I hope to be closely connected with the Orphan-

age and your Alumni Association in the future."

Mr. Brewer then expressed the appreciation of the association to Thelma Mitchell, Miss Velva Daughtry, Lucille Proctor, Earl Tippet and girls of the Orphanage for the wonderful luncheon they served.

The meeting was treated with a duet by Ruth Craft and Hazel Tippet, with Frances Brewer at the piano.

The meeting was then adjourned and the children spent the rest of the day talking over old times together and looking over the old familiar places around the Orphanage. Those former children not present won't know what they missed unless they attend our next meeting. Plan now to attend.

Already, plans have been started for our next "Homecoming." The third Sunday in May has been set as our official "Home-coming Day." We will also have a business meeting every Thanksgiving. We hope next year to have a better "Homecoming" than ever before and hope every former child of the Home will plan now to attend.

We of the Alumni Association would like also to assure our new Superintendent, Mr. James Evans, that we will support him one hundred per cent (100%).—Route 1, Varina, N. C. (summer address)

June, Our National Educational Campaign Month

*By J. R. DAVIDSON, Chmn.,
National Board,
Bryan, Texas*

Favorable news is coming in right along concerning the lining up of our people for raising funds for our National School during the month of June 1940, this month having already been declared Campaign Month.

Brother Winford Davis writes to say that coin envelopes are prepared, and are being sent out for distribution among all the churches in the

state of Missouri to make for convenience to our people there in making their offerings for this great cause. I feel sure that the returns will be gratifying, for those people in Missouri are working already, their interests in education having grown by leaps and bounds since last fall.

Brother G. D. Dunbar says, "I shall do all that I can to round things up in Tennessee for the June Campaign." Surely Brother Dunbar will meet with great success with the fine start already made in the Cumberland Association in his state. Tennessee is one of the three leading states in the amount given for this cause already.

Word has just reached me from Brother Melvin Bingham to the effect that he is having envelopes prepared for circulation in the churches of the state of Oklahoma. I am sure that Brother Bingham's appeal will bring returns, as our people in his state are realizing more than ever the absolute necessity of this medium of training.

Not only word, but checks and Money Orders are reaching me constantly as a result of the campaign Brother Bennett has on already in the Eastern Association of North Carolina. Neither is the Eastern folk alone in their giving, for the Western, Central and Cape Fear are represented in this noble cause. Beside this one Brother in the Pee Dee has sent in an offering lately. One Brother writes concerning Brother Bennett's work in this connection to say, "If all of our ministers were as Brother Bennett about this matter victory would soon be realized." Does not that challenge you, Brother Minister, to fall in line and help do this which will make all of us proud; and more than that to make haste in carrying the Gospel to a needy world? Permit me to insist that you take this up with your people early in June, and to keep it before them throughout the month. Listen! lay folk, if your minister fails to take this up at your church just call him to one side and remind him of his

duty. Some preachers have to be led as well as laymen.

Not many days hence we will be assembled in another National Association, by the blessings of the Lord, and what your board shall be able to report depends on what all of us do on the field from now until then. Some states have raised hundreds of dollars, some less and some none. Those which have raised hundreds really should have raised thousands instead, and some which have not raised one hundred should have raised thousands. However, we wish for all to know that we fully appreciate what has been, and is being done. Again I wish to bring the fact to your mind that if all of us would have done as a few have we would be able today to purchase any property we would need, and still have enough money to run a school for at least one year. Those who have not could have done their bit as easily as those who have done what has been done. Will you not now fall right in line and give your full co-operation? I shall depend on you until you prove to me that there is no use of doing so.

Letter from Mrs. Barber

Dear Christian Workers:

As the president of the Central Conference convention, I want to assure you again I appreciate your confidence you placed in me, I feel so unworthy of the place, but by the help of the Lord and your co-operation we can do a great work.

In looking over the list of churches, I find some do not have an aid. We want every church to have one, as it supports the church in many ways. By my experience in my church, it is a great asset to one. If your church does not have one and interested in organizing one I am at your service to assist you if you need me. As I am always ready to work for your master, in promoting His cause.

To the churches with an Aid we have a greater work to do. May we strive to let our lights shine so

every member will have a desire to do something for the Master and will attend the meetings. Let our meetings be more than calling the roll and paying dues. Let the spiritual side predominate and the dues and other things will be taken care of themselves. We realize it takes money to carry any work on, but your interest, presence and earnest prayers are more important. So strive to be present every meeting and live for Christ daily. I am praying the vice president's will have better reports next meeting than in the past, and they can take good reports only when you report to them, so make your reports to them promptly.

May the Lord bless you and your work.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joe Barber

Notice

Dear Brother Ministers and Churches:

Since I have been appointed by my Conference as State Evangelist, and as I have been elected to represent the South Carolina Conference in the National Association which convenes at Paintsville, Kentucky in July (if there are ministers and churches that wish my services for a week or ten days in the month of July), any church between here and Kentucky, you can notify me and I will send printed notices to advertise the meeting.

Please inform me what week in July you would prefer the meeting.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. E. P. Kirby,
Cades, S. C.

*O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God;
And flesh and sin no more control
The sacred pleasures of the soul.*

We know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—2 Cor. 5: 1.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Sidney Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of Sidney church held its regular monthly meeting at the church on May 16, 1940. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Katie Roper, our president. They sang as their opening hymn No. 92, followed by all the members repeating the Lord's prayer.

The president read the 6th chapter of Revelation followed by sentence prayers by the members. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, and the roll called. There were 12 members present and 3 visitors. The activities of the last month were entered into: \$0.40 free will offering; \$1.50 in dues were paid; 243 chapters read; 11 visits to see the sick; one tray carried to the sick; 3 cards sent; \$1.00 paid back that had been borrowed.

All the business being attended to, the meeting closed to meet again June 13, 1940. Mrs. Hill pronounced the benediction.

After the meeting closed the hostesses served the refreshments with candy, cakes and pickles.

Mrs. Laura Hill, *Cor.-Secy.*

Gum Neck Aid Report

The regular monthly meeting was held at the church on May 14. The meeting opened with song, "Meet Mother in the Skies."

The scripture lesson was read from 14th chapter of Mark by Mrs. Alene Jones. The society entered into the devotions in the spirit of worship. The program was very effectively rendered. The Secretary called the roll with 16 members present. Dues collected were \$3.10. The activities of the society were as follows: 190 chapters were read in the Bible, 24 sick visits were made, 12

flowers and trays sent to the sick. It was moved that we send Miss Hettie Jones as a delegate to represent our Aid. After the business session was over the society closed to meet again June 11th.

Mrs. C. F. Swindell, *Secy.*

Report of the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention

The Convention met with Sidney Church on April 4, 1940. The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Laura Hill, and Rev. E. C. Morris offered prayer. Mrs. Edwin Roper gave the address of welcome with the response following by Mrs. L. E. Furlough. Miss Leona Furlough then sang a solo. As the president was absent, Mrs. E. C. Morris, the vice-president, presided over the meeting.

The following ministers were present: Revs. D. M. Radcliffe, E. C. Morris and Duff Toler. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the list of churches was called. The following represented with contributions: Malachi's Chapel, Union Chapel, Shiloh, Free Union, Belhaven, Sidney, Mt. Tabor, Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City Mission Circle. The total contributions amounted to \$22.25.

The apportionments were as follows: convention expenses, \$3.50; Orphanage, \$8.25; extension work, \$0.25; education, \$1.00; superannuation, \$2.50 missions, \$7.00; a special offering was taken which amounted to \$3.73; thus making a total in all of \$25.98.

The congregational singing was led by Rev. E. C. Morris, and prayer was offered by Rev. D. M. Radcliffe, after which Rev. Duff Toler brought us a very interesting sermon. He used for his text, Romans 16: 1-4.

We were dismissed by H. S. Swain.

In the afternoon the devotions were conducted by Mrs. John Copeland. Special music was a feature of the afternoon devotions. Rev. E. C. Morris made some fine remarks concerning the stewardship contest. Following his remarks, William Swindell, a junior from Elizabeth City, gave his stewardship reading which was very good. He will represent the Albemarle District at the State Auxiliary meeting.

Mrs. H. S. Swain discussed "How We May Improve Our Organization." She explained it in an interesting manner. Mrs. S. P. Hardee gave us some fine points as to how they carry on their work in the Central District.

After all reports were made by the different committees and the treasurer, we were then favored with another duet. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community at Sidney for their fine hospitality in entertaining the convention. The convention closed with Mrs. D. H. Furlough pronouncing the benediction with Union Chapel on the First Thursday in October, 1940.

Mrs. Richard Wariner, *Pres.*,
Miss Alice Webster, *Secy.*

Antioch Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of Antioch Church held its meeting in the home of Mrs. Mamie Edmundson in May. Mrs. Aaron Musgrove, the president, called the meeting to order. The devotional services were led by Mrs. Atha Edmundson. Talks were made by Mesdames Henretta Sasser and Hazel Musgrove.

The roll was called and eleven members answered to their names. The dues paid in amounted to \$3.00. Since the last meeting the members have made 153 visits to the sick; sent 23 trays; 17 vases of flowers; gave away 29 gallons of milk; and read 183 chapters in the Bible. The treasurer reported \$40.19 on hand.

The miscellaneous committee reported having sent flowers to Mrs.

essie Edmundson, and Mrs. John Roberts. The Aid voted to send covers to Mr. Guy Persons, and cards to Dora Combs, Jodie McKeel, Shirley, Mrs. Garland Newsome, Jim Musgrove and Wesley Davis.

Our Ladies Aid voted to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. M. E. Tyson for his faithful services at the orphanage. It also voted to send two quilts during the month of May to the Home.

We voted to choose "Pollyanna" for the Aid members, and for each to keep her Pollyanna a secret until the time to choose again at the end of the quarter.

During the social hour Mrs. Edmundson served refreshments. The Aid was adjourned by all repeating her watchword. The June meeting will be held on Wednesday night after the Second Sunday at eight o'clock. (The regular meeting time at the home of Mrs. Atha Edmundson.)

Mrs. James Taylor, Secy.

Notice

Free Will Baptist Readers:

This is to inform you that recently a number of our people came together with the purpose of trying to help solve some of our problems. That is to say, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Association appointed a group of men to formulate some plans concerning a financing system. Therefore, out of the meeting developed an organization known as *The Church Finance Association, Inc.*

From time to time you will find articles written in the Baptist, for your information. This organization has been duly chartered by the state of North Carolina and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina and also in the court house of Johnson County, North Carolina. If, for any reason, you should like to know more about this organization, we will be only too glad for you to come to our office or

to write to us and ask the questions that you may wish to know.

The present officers include:

Rev. James A. Evans.....*President*
Rev. J. R. Bennett.....*V.-President*
Rev. M. L. Johnson, Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.....*Treasurer*
L. H. Wetherington.....*Secretary*

Both Secretary and Treasurer are bonded for any amount of money that they receive.

I am yours,

L. H. Wetherington

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Thur., May 23	St. Mary's (New Bern)	Craven
Fri., May 24	Bridgeton	Craven
Sat., May 25	Arapahoe	Pamlico
Sun., May 26	Rock of Zion	Pamlico
Mon., May 27	New Bethlehem	Pamlico
Tues. May 28	Warden's Grove	Pamlico
Wed., May 29	Mt. Zion	Pamlico
Thur., May 30	Bethel	Pamlico
Fri., May 31	Oriental	Pamlico
Saturday, June 1	Trent	Pamlico
Mon., June 3	White Hill	Beaufort
Tues., June 4	Dublin Grove	Beaufort
Wed., June 5	Smyrna	Beaufort
Thur., June 6	Core Point Chap.	Beaufort
Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort
Sat., June 8	Shiloh	Beaufort
Mon., June 10	Free Union	Beaufort
Tues., June 11	Sidney	Beaufort
Wed., June 12	Belhaven	Beaufort
Thur., June 13	Union Grove	Beaufort
Fri., June 14	Union Chapel	Washington
Sat., June 15	Corinth	Martin
Mon., June 17	Mt. Tabor	Washington
Tues., June 18	Soundside	Tyrell
Wed., June 19	Gum Neck	Tyrell
Thur., June 20	Malachi's Chap.	Tyrell
Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
Sat., June 22	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
Mon., June 24	Oak Grove	Craven
Tues., June 25	Juniper Chap.	Craven
Wed., June 26	Palmetto Chap.	Craven
Thur., June 27	Macedonia	Craven
Fri., June 28	Antioch	Craven
Sat., June 29	Moseley's Creek	Craven

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for April, 1940

Receipts

Balance on hand April 1, 1940....	\$ 740.92
Religious Organizations	525.80
The Duke Endowment	2,292.65
Individuals	95.12
Adjustments	21.75
Total	\$3,676.24

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 627.53
Office Supplies	11.51
Car Payment	27.99
Financing and Publicity	8.00
Food	298.89
Clothing	115.49
Dry Cleaning	16.00
Household	44.64
Travel Relating to care of children	66.12
Health Supplies	17.76
Hair cuts	4.80
Education Supplies	17.20
Lights	17.23
Farm Supplies	50.93
New Equipment (Tractor payment)	256.64

Total	\$1,580.73
Balance on hand	2,095.51

Balance on hand	\$ 740.92
Gum Neck Sunday School	4.50
Fourth Union meeting of the Central Conference	7.89
The Duke Endowment	2,292.65
Little River Vocal Union	12.77
John Linton	1.00
Union Grove	5.44
West Hillsboro	3.00
Free Union .....	.57
Oak Grove	2.82
Hansley's Chapel	16.71
Tippett's Chapel	8.00
Adult League of Hansley's Chapel	1.00
Third Union Meeting of the Western Association	5.50
G. W. Bailey	15.00
Fourth Union Meeting District Auxiliary Convention	10.04
Second Union of the Central Conference	39.59
Cape Fear Union	13.75
District Union League Convention	2.00
Green Vocal Union	5.43
Goldsboro Sunday School	12.34
New Sandy Hill Church	3.15
Bethel Church, Pamlico County	3.47
Lockhart Sunday School	5.00
Third Union of the Eastern Association	25.00
Elwood Lane Church	3.00

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St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Ezekiel Teaches Personal Responsibility

(Lesson for June 9)

Lesson: Ezekiel 33: 7-16.

Golden Text Illuminated: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14: 12).

A lady in the west of England, on reading out the riddle from her cracker at a tea party, surprised her friends as well as herself at the great truth so jestingly written. "Question: Why is the devil like a pawnbroker?—Answer: Because he claims all the unredeemed." Surely this would startle and arouse some poor careless souls. How often God uses the foolish things of this world for his wise purposes!—*Christian Herald (London)*.

"Why did you go to those strange people," asked a friend of a returned missionary. "Did they ask you to come?" "No, they did not ask me." "Then why did you go?" The missionary said: "When I was a young man in college, in going to my room one night, I saw a bright light in a house as I passed. The wind had blown the curtain too close to the gas jet and it was in flames. But because this family had not invited me to warn them, and not wishing to disturb their peace, I passed on to my room." "You did not see such thing," said the other. "You wasted no time in crying to them that their house was on fire." "Certainly," said the missionary; "and the people of the strange land did not invite me, but I knew their danger without Christ, and I knew the great peace and joy that comes with knowing Him. I was bound, knowing these things, to tell them."—*Moody Monthly*.

I. PRACTICAL POINTS

1. The way of the wicked was death at the end (Ezekiel 33: 8).

2. The wicked needs the warning of God's watchman (vss. 7, 8).

3. The wicked may turn from his way before he reaches the end (vs. 9).

4. The wickedness of the wicked will be wiped out if he turn to the Lord (vss. 15, 16).

5. It is the watchman's business to watch for the Word of the Lord, and to warn the wicked of the end of his way (vss. 7-9).

6. The watchman's failure has serious consequences both for himself and for the one whom he fails to warn (vss. 7, 8).

7. The watchman's responsibility ceases when he has delivered his message (vs. 9).

8. If salvation depended upon works of righteousness which we have done, no man would be saved (vs. 12).

9. Confidence in one's own righteousness is quite likely to lead one to stumble and fall (vs. 13).

10. When God accepts the sinner who repents He also forgets all about his past (vss. 14-16).—J. C. T.

11. God has one very definite word for the wicked—"thou shalt surely die" (Ezekiel 33:8). It was the word He gave to Adam and Eve in the beginning (Genesis 2: 17). It is the word which emphasizes the fact of personal sin and personal penalty for personal sin. Through the same Prophet He says in another place, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18: 20). The Lord will not punish one man for another, but the very one who is guilty before Him.

II. HOME WORK

1. Is the guilt of sin an individual or merely a racial responsibility? (Romans 3: 9-12, 19, 23).

2. Does God deal with individuals or with groups and nations in the matter of salvation? (Acts 16:31; Romans 10: 9, 10; John 6: 37).

3. How was righteousness obtained under the Mosaic Law? (Leviticus 18: 5; Romans 10: 5).

4. How is grace reigning in the present dispensation? (Romans 5: 21).

5. What is the method for obtaining righteousness under the reign of grace? (Romans 4: 4, 5).

6. What is a great distinguishing mark in the life of the true believer? (1 John 3: 9).

7. If a believer sins, how may he obtain the forgiveness of his sin? (John 1: 9).

8. What provision has been made against the possibility of the believers sinning? (1 John 2: 1, 2).

9. How serious is the responsibility that rests upon one whom God has chosen to deliver His message? (1 Corinthians 9: 16).

10. How great is the mercy of God towards the sinner that repents and turns to Him? (Ezekiel 33: 16; Isaiah 43: 25).

11. Read Joshua 2 and 7 this week. Our quarterlies have the helps all need. Select five truths of more than ordinary importance. Does this lesson teach the doctrine "Once in Grace Always in Grace."

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

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influence the pupil who has accepted Christ that he will hesitate to join the church and may later on slip back into the world or be attracted to a church of another faith. We all recognize the advisability of the new convert placing his membership in the church. Let us not have any hindrances.

In the discussion on preaching in part seven we reviewed the many reasons why Sunday school pupils could attend the preaching services. The responsibility for the success of this phase of the Sunday school work rests jointly upon the pastor, the superintendent, and the teachers. The Free Will Baptist treatise requires that the pastor of church or churches have his membership in one of the churches which pastors. Is it not just as necessary and important that the officers and teachers of the Sunday school meet the same requirement? The teachers and officers whose memberships are in the church in which they teach or hold office will be interested at all times in the church services and will strive to lead their pupils to them. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6: 21).

Then there is the question of church support. Support in the prayer services, in the business of the church, in revivals, in finances, and in many other ways. We are all desirous of seeing the new members take an active interest in all church activities. The surest way to satisfy this desire is to be definitely sure that our Sunday school workers are active members of the church.

Lastly, when we use or encourage the use of members of one of our neighboring churches as officers or teachers in our Sunday school we are being unfair in our treatment of the church which claims their membership.

The second part of point eight deals with the training of officers and teachers and the conduct of business of the Sunday School. "The Sunday school shall maintain a monthly officers and teachers meeting attended by seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers shall hold S. S. E. I. (Sunday School Training Institute) diplomas for having completed the course of at least one Teachers

and Officers Training Institute during the year."

The monthly Sunday school business meeting has it in three elements namely: Social, Business, and Devotional. The monthly meeting affords an opportunity for close relationship between officers and teachers of the school. This may be made even more successful if the hour is opened by serving a good wholesome meal. This would stimulate attendance would be easily reached. Personal problems relative to the work could be discussed privately during supper. Officers and teachers would benefit by this private exchange of ideas. This plan would soon prove to be a "date" to look forward to and would increase in popularity from month to month. Officers and teachers will feel grateful because the church is showing a real interest in them and their work. The social angle will be a blessing to every officer and teacher.

The social element of the meeting has its place of importance, but should not be permitted to borrow time from the Business or Devotional elements. The business of the Sunday school is very important and should be given a prominent place in the monthly meeting. Written reports should be made by the several classes. The class accomplishments as well as their failures shall be given due consideration. Suggestions and ideas for Sunday school betterments should be entertained by the superintendent. Plans for expansion should be worked out and prayer offered for their success. The Sunday school associational business should be brought before the meeting preparatory for the work discussed and plans launched. These are just a few of the many constructive features that may tend to make the Sunday School business meeting a success.

The monthly officers and teachers meeting furnishes an opportunity for splendid devotional services. Intercessory prayer should be predominant—officers and teachers praying for each other and for their work,

the school praying for the church, teachers praying for the lost in their classes and for those in the other classes, the pastor praying for the school and the school praying for pastor and his work, and all praying for God's guidance and direction. No other form of devotion pleases the Lord more than real earnest prayer for His work and His workers.

"The school shall conduct or attend at least one officers and teachers training institute each year." This is an easy point to attain and a very beneficial one. The Lord urges us to study and is pleased with our efforts to improve ourselves for Him. It is hoped that soon we shall have text books of our own. Books that will outline our work in detail and that will suit our needs. May the Lord bless and direct our Sunday schools in their efforts to teach the plan of salvation to the lost.

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Boys and Girls Corner

Lessons from Wrens

I love to hear the sweet songs of the little wrens even though they turn on their alarm clocks at full speed and awake me too soon in the morning.

A modest little wren built her nest in the garage in a gun shell box which contained three loaded shells. Soon there were several eggs in the nest. After she had been sitting for several days she flew off and began scolding terribly but we just thought it was the blue jays flying around worrying her. She kept on storming, raging, and darting towards the porch as if to beg for help. We rushed out there to see what the trouble was and found a white oak snake in the nest and all the eggs gone. After the snake was killed she hushed but seemed very much grieved.

The year before, she hatched a nice brood in the same box and carefully fed and raised them. One day while I was sitting on the porch she brought a large worm and held it down from the eaves, just in front of me, to see, and make a noise in her throat, then running a little farther, on top of the porch held it down again and twittered a noise that I would be sure to see, then to her nest she went.

One day one little bird flew out of the nest, which was four feet from the ground. His mother scolded and whipped him with her wings to make him get back in. She knew there was danger ahead for him if she did not set him right, just like our parents know about us when we do wrong. Ten or twelve feet opposite the nest stood a post. Several times he flew up three or four feet and caught on this post. Each time he sighted the nest and darted towards it, but fell to the ground. One time he fell behind some boards and when she got back there to whipping him, I thought he would die, but he

came out all right. He had a good disposition for I could tell he was doing his very best to obey his mother. After trying many times he finally landed on the nest and went in, but very tired.

The mother bird didn't seem to care how many of us stood around and watched her do her duty towards her little one.

The birds trust God for their food, and give Him praise all the day. From them we might learn a lesson to help us on our way.

—Annie Wells

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

FERRELL—Rev. Z. P. Ferrell, age 83, died after stroke. Three years ago Brother Ferrell had a stroke which left him helpless in one hand and arm, but he was able to get around with a cane, many thought then he would not survive, but the God he served raised him up.

Brother Ferrell was ordained by the ordaining council of the Western Association. He did that which he was ordained to do, to preach the Gospel. Brother Ferrell was loved much by those who knew him most. His life has been an inspiration to the writer.

Rev. Ferrell died suddenly Saturday morning at eight o'clock, May the 11th, 1940. He was born and reared in Durham County, and the son of the late Wesley and Mary Terry Ferrell. He lived most of his life in the community in which he died.

He served several churches in this section of the state, but had not been active because of the past stroke. Saturday morning he suffered a fatal stroke shortly after breakfast.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mattie Edgerton, with whom he celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary a few months ago; two daughters, and eight sons.

His funeral was preached Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, at the home by Rev. Charles Jolly, and Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark. His body now lies resting in Bethesda Cemetery under lots of beautiful flowers until the Lord comes again. May the presence of his God ever be with those whom he left behind.

Fred A. Rivenbark

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for April, 1940

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Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.0
Core Creek Sunday School	5.0
Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Cape Fear Conference	9.1
Jessie Rowland Brewer	6.0
Marsh Swamp Church	5.0
Adult League of Sound Side Ch. ..	.6
Cedar Hill Church and S. S.	1.2
Carteret County Union Meeting	5.0
Warden's Grove Sunday School	2.0
J. C. Griffin, Senior League of Sound Side Church	1.1
Rose Hill Church	4.6
Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention	3.5
Winterville Sunday School	3.0
Moseley's Creek Sunday School	4.0
Parker's Chapel Sunday School	4.0
Leagues of Edgemont Church:	
T. H. Willey, adult	5.0
C. F. Bowen, Senior	3.6
Ambassador, Senior	1.0
Leaders, Intermediate	1.7
Laura B. Barnard, Junior .....	.2
Henry Melvin, Junior .....	.4
Mable Willey, Primary .....	.6
Antioch Church	6.1
Dawson's Grove Church	5.1
First Union Meeting of the Western Conference	15.4
Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Association	35.0
George Webster	69.1
Union Chapel Church	5.0
Union Chapel Sunday School	3.6
Spring Branch Church	7.1
Bethel Church, Pamlico County	2.5
Rock of Zion Church	2.5
Rose Bowen Intermediate Leagues of Sound Side Church .....	.4
Barbara Willey, Junior League of Sound Side Church .....	.5
Friendship Church, Jones County	4.0
Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference	26.9
Mrs. Tina Cailoway	1.0
Alma Broughton, Teacher's Board	20.0
Carbisco Feed Mills, Refund	1.7
Stacy Church	8.3
L. A. S. of Watery Branch Church	3.4
Aid Money for Adopted Children	152.2
Total	\$3,676.2
Donated Commodities	
Mrs. Mary Moore, clothing	\$ 1.7
Free Union Church, Nash County, eggs	3.0
Union Association of Georgia, quilt	3.0
Mrs. W. O. Fields, clothing	8.0
L. A. S. of Union Grove Church, towels	1.5
W. J. Smithwick, Blount's Creek, fish	8.4
Warden's Grove L. A. S., quilt	3.1
Swannanoa L. A. S., clothing	2.0

L. A. S. of Beulaville Church,	
quilt -----	3.00
C. H. Ange, potatoes -----	1.50
Aid Clothing -----	65.69

awake and to be about our heavenly
Father's business.

Mrs. R. L. Davidson

Mother dear, mother of mine,
With love our hearts entwine;
For I love you, I want you to know,
And always will wherever you go.

Total ----- \$ 100.69
Cash or Clothing Furnished By Aids
for Adopted Children

MOTHER DEAR

Mother dear, you're kind and true,
My love goes out to you;
For your life was made kind and sweet
With a loving and kind speech.

Mother dear, your hair has turned gray,
And your time is drawing near;
To take your trip to life's other side
To be with Jesus and forever abide.
Written by,
Hester Geneva Newberry,
Quincy, Florida

Aid, Child	Amount
Fourth Union meeting of the Central Conference, Hicks Tripp	\$12.50
L. A. S. of Hugo Church, Kathleen Langley	6.00
Second Union meeting of the Western Association, Maurice Thompson	12.50
Senior Boys and Girls Class of Reedy Branch Sunday School, Virginia Langley	12.50
Corinth L. A. S., Sampson County, Evelyn Pate	12.50
Cape Fear Ladies Auxiliary Convention, Charles Harrell	12.50
Gum Swamp L. A. S., Josephine Watson	12.50
Shady Grove Church, Nellie Langley	12.50
Winterville L. A. S., Odelle Jones	12.50
W. G. Wilson, Bladenboro, Marie Caulder	10.00
St. Mary's L. A. S. of Wilson County, Gold Ange	6.25
Kenly L. A. S., Hazel Tippet	5.00
Union Chapel L. A. S., Thelma Thompson	12.50
Davis Church, Elizabeth Thompson	12.50
Total -----	\$152.25

Aids Having Furnished Clothing for
Adopted Children

Aid, Child	Value
Bethel Church, Johnson County, Bertha Moore	\$14.50
Junior Department of St. Mary's Church, Blanch Holloman	8.36
Swannanoa Church, Clara Harris	15.00
Swannanoa Church, Clara Harris	10.25
Deep Run L. A. S., Irene Watson	9.45
Kinston L. A. S., Mary Lou Raper	7.30
Swannanoa Church, Clara Harris	8.3

Total ----- \$65.69

M. E. Tyson, Superintendent

(The reason the above report did not appear earlier in the Baptist is due to the fact that the manuscript was misplaced in the editor's office.—EDITOR.)

Dear Editor:

I read the article entitled "Spreading Out" by E. W. Mitchell in the Baptist recently. It seems a challenge to our denomination. May God help us to spread out, and may churches be organized in the neglected places. May God help us to

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The Preacher and His Calling

By T. H. Willey

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel; not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the Scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom know not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1: 17-21).

The preacher and his preaching has an objective, to remind mankind of what they are forever forgetting, his task is not to correct the defects of human intelligence but to fortify the feebleness of the human resolution, to forgive a recall from the by-paths to the straight and narrow path that leads to salvation.

One wise man said, "No sermon is of any value, or likely to be of any value which does not have the three R's in it. *Ruin* by the fall. *Redemption* by Christ. *Regeneration* by the Holy Spirit."

Phillips Brooks used to say that when a young man first began to preach he wondered why everybody did not come to hear him, but later on he wondered why anybody did come. There might be some truth in that old threadbare saying, "Make a better mouse trap and the world will beat a path to your door." Make a better sermon and the world come to hear you.

Preaching is the projection of personality upon the attention of the world and community around us. Martin Luther gave the qualifica-

tions of the good preacher. 1. Ability to teach with simplicity. 2. A good, active mind. 3. Eloquence. 4. A good voice. 5. A good memory. 6. Knowing when and how to stop. 7. Diligence. 8. A whole-soul devotion to his calling. 9. Willingness to be bothered by every-one. 10. Patience to hear everybody. The poor preacher who is supersensitive is just out of luck with his inability to take it.

Daniel Webster had this to say of the preacher. "Though we live in a reading age and communities that read much, yet the preaching of the Gospel is the form in which human agency has been, and still is, the most efficacious employed for the spiritual improvement of men."

Cowper the poet writes in the *Task*, "I would express him simply, grave, sincere, in doctrine uncorrupt, in language, plain, and plain in manner, decent, solemn, chaste, natural in gesture, much impressed.

Longfellow, *Tales of a Wayside Inn*, describing the minister.

"Skillfully alive with tongue and pen,
He preaches to all men everywhere

The Gospel of the Golden Rule
The new commandment given to men.

Thinking the deed and not the creed
Would help us in our utmost need."

He is a good preacher who follows his own preaching.

An English proverb says, "An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.

In ministers nothing is seen more quickly than their faults. A preacher may have a hundred virtues yet they may all be obscured by a single defect. Most all of you who read have pastors. They might be good pastors, poor pastors or indifferent pastors. Probably the faults of your

pastor has become magnified so that you cannot see his virtues. Of course it is the devil's business to do this.

A few words of defense for the preacher.

One in defence of the preacher gives us a summary of the preacher and his faults: "Here to the preacher! Who is like unto him? His critics are many, his defenders few and mild in voice, but could we get along without him? He's not perfect, but he is closer to perfection than his critics. While they find fault with the English of last Sunday's sermon, he is out visiting the sick; when they spend an evening at the club (or show and bridge and maybe bingo) he is conducting a prayer meeting. While they damn him with faint phrases or furious invectives he is comforting the broken hearted and consoling the sorrowful. His criticisms may produce material wealth but he produces something infinitely more noble, *character*. We criticize his sermons, his pastoral work, but in the supreme moments of life —when life is born when the nuptial bells ring gladly, when the somber angel appears at the door, we cannot do without him. If a physician be a good physician, an attorney a good attorney the world is satisfied and if a preacher be a good preacher, is that enough? Not by any means. He must be a good preacher, certainly that is only a fraction. He must be a model of virtue, tact and common sense. He must be wise as Socrates, as patient as Job, as harmless as a dove, as diplomatic as a Metternich, as businesslike as Chas. M. Schwab, as eloquent as Webster, as subtle as Emerson, as practical as Westinghouse, a super-man in truth."

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EDITORIAL

The revival season seems to have started in this section of the country. Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston held a wonderful meeting at the Greenville church a week ago. Much interest was manifested in this meeting. The Kinston church just closed a meeting with Rev. M. E. Tyson preaching. The Winterville church is now starting up its revival with Rev. J. P. Woodard of Stone-wall, North Carolina, doing the preaching. Great results are expected before the meeting shall come to a close. The Ayden church has been running its revival for over a week now with Rev. M. E. Tyson doing the preaching. Thus far it has been a wonderful meeting with great crowds attending each evening. The gospel messages and music have been wonderful. Rev. Chester Pelt of Greenville has just closed a meeting in Raleigh with considerable success. Others in this section will be under way soon. Brother Tyson will begin his meeting in the Pine Level church next week, and continue for a week or ten days.

May many of the good church people pray earnestly for the success of the revivals during the summer months. Let everyone hope that great good shall come from these meetings. There is a great need of a Great Spiritual Revival in this country, and may we hope that the evangelists will reap great harvests for their labors.

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It will not be long before the National Association will convene in Paintsville, Kentucky. Many ministers and lay-members are beginning to look forward to this great gathering for the advancement of the work of the church. May great interest be taken this year in this all-important work, and may the cause of righteousness be greatly magnified by all who shall take part in this great body.

Let us hope that new and advanced measures shall be launched with the view of setting forth greater aims of the denomination for the future development of our church. Each leading phase of the work of the denomination should be prayerfully stressed, and plans set in order to make the coming year the greatest in the history of the denomination. With the proper religious zeal and co-operation manifested by the leaders at the Association, there shall develop we believe a wonderful plan by which much progress shall be effected during the coming months.

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We wish to call attention to the Ladies Aid Societies that we have at the Press quite a number of the Secretary and Treasurer's books on hand for the record keeping of the societies. These books run for a five-year period. Several societies have already bought theirs, but there are many more that have not as yet ordered theirs. Please place your order right away for your copies. They are only one dollar each, and for a five-year period that is very cheap—only twenty cents per year.

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but send in right away and begin your new record keeping along with the others who have already ordered theirs.

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The Third Quarter Sunday School and League literature is now ready for distribution. Orders should be coming in within the next few days. To avoid the rush will you please begin early to send for yours? As it requires much work on the part of the force at the Press to mail the orders as they come in, it will be to great advantage if the Sunday Schools and Leagues will begin sending in their orders right away, at least many of them, to avoid the rush at the close of this present quarter. From all reports there will be an increase in the sales of several quarterlies for the in-coming quarter. This is to be received with much interest on the part of the whole church, for there seems to be a steady growth in the Sunday School and League work over the different states where our denomination is operating. Let us hope that more and larger orders for literature will be made this in-coming quarter.

We are asking that all superintendents and teachers, as well as ministers, encourage the Sunday School work and the League work in all of the churches, and that they will insist upon the Sunday Schools to order the literature from the press. Brother Coville has given some fine arguments concerning the Free Will Baptist Sunday School through the columns of the Baptist, showing why we should use our literature. Many have complimented him for his splendid articles on the Sunday School and its work. We are expecting, therefore, more Sunday Schools to send their orders to us this time for larger quantities of literature. We can supply your needs, and we are willing to serve you equally as well as any other publishing house. We are hoping to increase our sales in considerable numbers of the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and the Adult quarterlies over what we did during the Second Quarter.

Significant Things to Think About

By C. J. Harris

Did Socrates or Plato ever tell their disciples how the stains of guilt could be removed, and peace and pardon procured from a loving God? No, all was dark to them, as it is to men of savage gloom today. They conjectured and surmised, but knew nothing of salvation beyond the grave. Death was a dark line which separated certainty from uncertainty, and when that line was crossed the philosopher could go no further. Beyond death all was darkness. But the Bible opens to us the whole matter, and settles at once all the doubts of skeptics, scoffers, atheists and infidelity. What a significant Book to think about!

The Bible holds up the cross of Calvary, and shows a crucified Saviour, and gives us the atoning sacrifice. We might search through the whole labyrinth of heathen philosophy in vain to find an answer to the question, "How can a man be just with God?" Natural philosophy, science and art are all mute on this important theme. They shed not one ray of light upon the subject of the soul's salvation. They are dumb when men and women most need instruction, and everyone who asks, "What shall I do to be saved?" They hang their heads in absolute silence.

From them we turn to the Bible and find the question answered and all doubts removed. Man can be just with God through the sufferings and death of the Incarnation, for he may be saved by trusting in the blood of Christ. Herein is the Bible the most valuable book of all literature. It brings life and immortality to light; and unfolds God's everlasting purpose as manifested in Jesus Christ. Moreover, the Bible is valuable as a book of history, as a book of true science, but more valuable as a book of life, teaching how the sinner may become a saint, and his name recorded on high.

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Such being the character of the Bible, it deserves our attention and prayerful consideration. Striving for usefulness with Jesus Christ, we should often consult its sacred pages. Sad mistakes are everywhere, but there are none in the Bible. If we go back in the ages we shall hear Moses speaking thus in the name of God: "Lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes." God, speaking to the people through Joshua, said, "This book of the law, shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and thou shalt have good success." David, Israel's king declared: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." Paul the Christian hero said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth." All of these spoke with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

There is a long catalogue of illustrious names which have been gathered from olden times. They made God's Book their study and delight. High in the estimation of the church and the world, they hesitated not to declare their attachment to the

blessed volume which brings life and immortality to light. The learned Origen, the eloquent Chrysostom, the profound Augustine, with Tertullian, Lactantius, and others have been found uttering unequivocal, as they gathered the sublime principles on which all their writings were based.

Leaving the "Fathers" we meet with the good men of the middle centuries and find them with the Bible in their hands, holding it with firm grip. Even amid the flames of martyrdom, they renounced it not, but declared it to be the only sure guide for man in all matter of religious faith and practice. Jerome of Prague, while the flames curled up around him, and the fagots sent forth their burning heat, cried out: "Oh, Lord God, thou knowest how I have loved the truth." John Huss' ashes, after he was consumed, were gathered and cast into the Rhine River. He died asserting the value of the Bible as a divine revelation from God. Cranmer, though not without his errors, loved the Bible, and died for it. Should you call for witnesses to the value of the Bible, you would find that the martyrs of the hoary centuries would come from burning fagots, from bloody blocks, from torturing inquisitions. They would stand before you, a mighty throng, uttering from their bloodless lips the testimony of past ages in favor of divine inspiration.

The Bible is the moral chart by which alone our population can be guided. It tells us of God, of Christ, of the Holy Spirit, and of our immortality. Without the sunlight of Eternal Truth, we would have no spiritual polar Star and Compass. We would sink into more than Egyptian darkness, and fountain of human happiness would dry up. Spiritually speaking, it would take the tides from our waters and leave them stagnant; the verdure from our valleys and leave them in barrenness, and the stars from our heavens and leave them in sackcloth.

The present would be all reckless, the future all hopelessness, and the

fiend's imprisonment would abound. Scoffers, infidels, and atheists will never annihilate the Bible. It will continue to unveil immortality, instruct in duty, and woo to glory. "It giveth light to the simple," and it guides to the New Jerusalem."

Guided by other books men make fatal errors, and plunge headlong to destruction, guided by the Bible, the haven of glory will soon be found, and God will wipe away all tears.

The Preacher and His Calling

(Continued from page three)

him to be a hired-man for the Ladies Aid, office boy for the official board and perpetual peace maker between church factions and members who cannot agree. If he fails in any of these things he is accounted a failure to the degree of being a flop.

The preacher spends more time and money in getting his education than any man I know, still he gets less pay than anybody else who has prepared in a similar way. He strives for years to acquire the knowledge which will permit him to appreciate good books; but when he has acquired this art of appreciation he can seldom afford the book fresh from the press. Following years of preparation many times he is given a post in a rural district paying a puny salary.

WANTED A PERFECT RECTOR

Our wardens have gone traveling; they're on a mission bent, To pick us out a rector—one with whom we'll be content. He mustn't be too high, and he mustn't be too low, We'd like him very plastic, a man made out of dough. He mustn't be too short, he mustn't be too tall, And he must not have opinions what will clash with ours at all. He mustn't be too young, and he mustn't be too old,

And he must be very humble and never speak out bold.

He must please the rich and haughty and the poor and humble too; He must praise us all for everything we do.

He must be very tactful, and have pleasant things to say, And when we disobey him, he must look the other way.

Our wardens seem to think they can find the very man;

But do you know, I'm doubtful if they ever really can.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

SOME OF GOD'S WOES

"Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink" (Isaiah 5: 21, 22). When God denounces a thing and passes a "Woe" upon it, there is no way to dodge the judgment. "You cannot do wrong and get by."

NO KNOWLEDGE IN THE GRAVE

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9: 10). It is a dead body that goes into the grave. It is powerless. Paul says, "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15: 43, 44). Paul is speaking exclusively about the body and spirit of Christians in this particular Scripture.

THE SPIRIT AND THE DUST

"Then shall the dust return to the

earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12: 7). Notice the "then" mentioned by the preacher. What does he mean by the "then?" Certainly he means at the time of death. It is the "dust" that goes back to the earth. It knows nothing until it is raised from the dead. But the "spirit" goes back to God." There it is preserved—taken care of—until God's appointed time for the judgment. There is no such thing as a sleeping—lifeless—ignorant departed spirit.

"SON REMEMBER"

"But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and thou art tormented" (Luke 16: 25). A sleeping—lifeless—ignorant—spirit and soul could not be "comforted" neither could a sleeping—lifeless—ignorant spirit and soul be "tormented." But Jesus would have us to know that the spirit and soul of man is always conscious even though it leaves this earthly tabernacle. You cannot get away from memory. We will know every minute in eternity—the other side of life—all about that which we had to do with here in this life. We will never get away from a single act. We will be conscious every minute. "Son remember."

THE SPIRITS IN HELL ARE INTERESTED IN THE LOST SHEEP

"Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come unto this place of torment" (Luke 16: 27, 28). Remember, children, that if your father or mother lived in sin and died without hope, that they are interested in your soul. They want you saved. Jesus taught this by His own words.

WARS AND THE END

When you read about the war that is being waged without respect for innocent women and children and about who have so much of Satan that they have no mercy, and no sympathy for the suffering innocent women and children, just remember that the end of the age is soon coming to a close. Then such demons as Hitler will be crushed beneath God's power. Every warlord has had his day and the end came; so it will not be long before the end of Hitler's blood-thirsty career will come to an end, even if it takes the coming of Christ to end it.

A GLORIOUS MEETING

Our revival meeting at Bridgeton was one of the best that we have ever witnessed at that place and we have been acquainted with the church from its infancy, however, we have not attended all the meetings there.

Sister Georgie Frost Barnes of Lucama conducted the singing. She had two choirs and the congregational singing was good. There were only four additions to the church but a large number were re-dedicated and an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested with great evidence. We had morning and evening service, with your servant doing the preaching, as pastor-evangelist. Sister Barnes had an afternoon service at three o'clock in which she trained the little folks to sing and give service to our Christ.

Union Report

The Second Union of the Central Conference met with Cedar Grove Church in Martin County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March. Rev. Heber Joyner conducted the devotional services, and prayer was offered by E. C. Hines.

The moderator, Rev. R. P. Harris, being absent, Rev. D. W. Alexander the assistant moderator presided

over the meeting. After he made a few remarks for the good of the union, the following was transacted: Minutes of the last union read and approved, and the following ministers were present, D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, C. H. Denton, M. A. Woodard, W. A. Dail, Heber Joyner, M. Joyner, R. B. Spencer, R. H. Mason. All visitors were made welcome by a motion from the body. Brother J. E. Baker from the Fourth Union was present and with the assistance of his two daughters, and Rev. C. H. Denton were favored with several special messages in song which were greatly appreciated.

The value of testimony was ably discussed by Elder D. W. Alexander, R. H. Mason and W. B. Nobles. The Greenville Quartet brought a fine message in song. Mrs. M. A. Woodard sang a solo before Rev. Denton preached the union sermon. There were offerings taken for Elder W. T. Pollard, R. P. Harris and the Orphanage. At the noon hour we all enjoyed a fine dinner out on the church lawn.

The union was reassembled after the lunch hour was over, and song service began with congregational singing. Rev. W. A. Dail offered prayer. Upon taking up the petitions for the place for the next union, it was voted to go to Hickory Grove in Pitt County. Rev. L. B. Manning is to preach on Sunday and Rev. W. A. Dail on his failure.

Talks were made on the church and the home by W. B. Nobles, G. W. Dail, and L. A. Furlough. Rev. R. B. Spencer made a very encouraging talk concerning the Printing Company at Ayden. The union then gave a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown it during the sitting of the union.

The amount received at this union is as follows: for the union, \$60.50. The offering for the Orphanage, \$7.12; offering for Elder R. P. Harris, \$2.69; for Elder W. T. Pollard, \$11.40; for the needy Ministers Fund, \$20.50; making a total

amount received \$102.21. The disbursements were as follows: To Needy Ministers Fund, \$20.50; missions, \$3.03; Rev. R. P. Harris, \$12.69; to the clerk, \$5.00; Rev. W. T. Pollard, \$16.40; Ministers Institute, \$5.00; Orphanage, 9.50; total, \$102.21.

The union was closed to meet with Hickory Grove on Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. before the Fifth Sunday in June.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, *Mod.*,
E. C. Hines, *Clerk*

Revival at Kenly Church

Rev. Clarence Bowen of Durham conducted the regular May third Sunday appointment at the Kenly Church. On the following Wednesday night a revival began. It was conducted by Herman Wooten of Garner. Through the week the house was filled to overflowing, and everybody enjoyed the grand services which Brother Wooten held. The song services were led by Mr. Bernard Ferrell. The Junior Choir was led by Brother Wooten. It created much interest and enthusiasm among the little folks.

Much interest and concern was manifested by the church members, and others. There were seventeen additions to the church. The baptismal services were held at old Beulah Bridge by Brother Wooten and Rev. J. W. Alford who baptized eight additional candidates for the Micro church.

The people of the church and community enjoyed the services very much, and we feel that they were greatly benefited by having Rev. Herman Wooten in our midst, and hope that he will be with us again in the near future. Our prayers and good wishes follow him to Belhaven where he is now in a revival meeting, and to other places where he is called to carry on the Gospel work.

(No Signature)

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A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section One—Point Nine

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

By WILLIAM E. COVILLE, *Chairman, National Sunday School Board*

This is the last point of Section One of the proposed Standard. It is closely related to point one of the same section and because of the close relationship of these two points it will be necessary in the discussion of Point Nine, to frequently refer to Point One. For this reason and in order that we may have a more comprehensive view of their joint value, I quote both Point One and Point Nine.

Point One: "The Sunday school is the teaching department of the church. The church shall elect all officers and teachers; the school shall make written monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury."

Point Nine: "The Standard Sunday school shall actively promote and support the following Free Will Baptist denominational works: Missions, Home and Foreign; Education; and benevolent projects. The school shall carry on this work in keeping with the program as arranged by the chairman of Denominational Enterprises of the National Sunday School Board and shall, as a school, contribute each year to these worthy causes."

As Point One of the Standard seeks right relationship between the Sunday School and the church of which it is a part, so Point Nine seeks to relate the Sunday school *through the church to which it belongs*, to our National Free Will Baptist program.

This ninth requirement of the Standard is simple and clear. Four of our great denominational causes shall be actively promoted and supported by the Standard Sunday

school. This means that our Sunday school shall plan promotional programs of a special nature and present them to the school to be carried out either by classes, departments, or by the school as a whole. *This is active promotion.* Plans for these special programs, and the programs as well, should be covered with prayer and directed by the Holy Spirit. The natural reaction to the presentation of one of these great causes of our denominational work is the desire to share in its support. *When we shall have given our minds, our talents, our time, and some of our money we will have become active supporters of these great causes.*

We speak of our denominational enterprises or works. We think of our denomination as something or other that includes all of our Free Will Baptist churches and that, of course, means our Sunday schools as well. "A denomination is a body of Christians banded together to do co-operatively what they could not do separately," is some one's definition of the word denomination. I like it; and I pray for the day to come when all Free Will Baptists everywhere will recognize the value of binding themselves together, as individuals in our churches, and as churches in our district, state, and national associations, to do co-operatively that which we cannot do separately. May the Lord through the Holy Spirit hasten that day.

Our present denominational enterprises are: Home and Foreign Missions, Education, and benevolences. Let us briefly consider these enterprises.

I like to think of home and foreign missions as simply missions. By missions we mean going with the gospel and its fruits to those who are without Christ. Missions takes into account not only those who can be reached by our immediate personal witness, but also those who are at a distance to whom we cannot bear personal witness, but must send our representatives.

Every church should be a missionary church. This should include every member and every auxiliary of the church. The Sunday school should teach the Bible doctrine of missions and be actively engaged in the mission business. Jesus commissioned his disciples to go, make disciples, to baptize them, to teach and train them so that they might go and make more disciples, and baptize them, and teach and train them so that they might go,—and on and on. The Bible declares that we are to be His disciples and witnesses "in Jerusalem (local and district), in all Judea (State Missions), and in Samaria (Home Missions), and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Foreign Missions)."—*The Christian, the Sunday school or the church that has not adopted God's plan of mission work is failing in its true objective.* The Standard Sunday school with its active "promotion and support" plan will please the Lord. The Standard Sunday school shall actively promote and support Christian Education. Surely a Sunday school must stand for Christian Education for the Sunday school is the teaching agency of the church. Jesus was the Great Teacher. Jesus is God and is all wise. Many think that the disciples were an untrained group of men whom Jesus selected to send out as teachers. I have heard ministers say that training and study was not essential to the success of a preacher, but that the Lord would speak through them. *Jesus saw fit to train the disciples.* They were not a group of untrained men when Jesus sent them out. Jesus recognized the futility of sending out, as a disciple, one who had received no training. Christianity is an intelligent religion; to claim the name of Christ is a mark of intelligence. While the Christian religion sends its appeal to the heart, *it is always to the heart through the head.* Those who go forth to be Christ's representatives, whether in places of lay leadership, or as pastors and missionaries, should have the best possible preparation.

The challenge by our youth has come to our people. They ask, "What are you going to do for us?" The question we ask the Sunday schools in general and the youth of the Sunday schools in particular is, What are you doing for the development of a Free Will Baptist institution of learning? Do you actively promote and support the program of the National Board of Education? Are your pastor, superintendent, teachers, or your official board interested in the National Educational program to the extent that they have included it as a part of their church or Sunday school program? Only after we have made every effort to provide a school where God's disciples may be trained, and where they may "study to show themselves approved," shall we have complied with the teachings of His Word. The Standard school with its active promotion and support plan will meet God's educational requirements.

Jesus went about doing good. He fed the hungry, he healed the sick, he gave speech to the dumb and hearing to the deaf and sight to the blind. He took little children in his arms and blessed them, and spoke unto any who ignored or neglected them or caused them to stumble. He declared that his servants are worthy of their hire, and laid upon his followers the sacred obligation of caring for the material needs of those whom he called as his ministers.

Is a church truly Christian if it refuses to share in these Christly ministries? The sick, the blind, and others physically impaired are worthy subjects for benevolent work. We follow the example of Jesus in the care of little children through our orphanages; we fulfill the Lord's instructions relative to the care of his under-shepherds by way of ministerial relief and annuity. These and many other forms of benevolences we share together as a denomination doing collectively what would be impossible individually. A church—and the Sunday school of that

church—cannot rightfully claim obedience to its Master if it refuses or neglects to have a part in these enterprises so dear to the heart of Christ. The Standard Sunday school will be the obedient school.

Information, inspiration and enlistment is necessary to the unsuccessful operation of our denominational enterprises. Christians of all ages must be informed concerning the construction of the program: they must be inspired to pray, to study, to realize what it all means; they must be enlisted in systematic, sacrificial support. This is where the Sunday school comes in, and no Sunday school can be accounted "Standard" that has failed at this practical point.

If your church is among those banded together to do co-operatively what cannot be done separately it has already assumed a definite responsibility in our denominational work. The Standard Sunday school will prove to be a real helper to the church. It's officers and teachers will be "doers of the word" and will lead the members of the school in the right channel of thought and work. Special days will be observed; missions, education and benevolences will be given substantial consideration. Pupils' interest will increase thru inspiration, information, and prayer. Opportunities to make offerings will be given the "special day" programs—the pupils will know the joy of giving. The Standard school will be made to rejoice in the knowledge of having helped their church to raise its quota.

A Calendar of Denominational Activities will be prepared by the National Sunday School Board under the direction of the Chairman of Denominational Enterprises. This calendar will not only serve as a continual reminder, but will develop a uniform, unified system of Sunday school promotion and support of our denominational enterprises.

Next week — Section Two — Points 1, 2, and 3 will be discussed.

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Announcement

I am announcing myself available for pastoral care of churches beginning October 15, 1940. I am also interested in conducting revival meetings or directing music in revivals. My experience and studies in recent months have better prepared me for the above named activities. References will be sent on request. Address all communications to Box 229, Kinston, N. C.

R. P. Harris

The Need for Study and Prayer

I want to say a few things through the columns of the Baptist regarding the need of ministers studying and praying. It is impossible for a minister, one who does not take time to read and pray, to rightly divide the Word of truth.

I have been trying for the last few years to teach a Sunday School class of men, and the more I study the Word, the more do I realize the great need of well prepared teachers. May God hasten the day when the members of the church shall awake to the fact that they should support the under-shepherd that he may be able to lead them to a better understanding of God's word.

I believe with all my heart that if our people would try to live according to God's word that the kingdom of Christ would go forward in a greater way. I often wonder where have the people ever gotten the idea that ministers should work six days to the week, and spend just a few hours on Sunday in the services of the Lord. If there ever has been a time in the history of this old world when we need strong men in the ministry it is today.

May God help all who read these few words to begin now to read, pray and work that great good may be accomplished.

F. L. Harris,
Kinston, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Please! First Vice-Presidents of Women's Auxiliary Conventions

I want all first vice-presidents of every state auxiliary to please send me a report of their year's work so that I may prepare my report for the National Convention which convenes in July at Paintsville, Kentucky.

If there is no state organization in your state, then each district first vice-president will please send

theirs; and if no district, then any local aid having a literature report will please send theirs also.

Let's not fail the cause of God, but let it be known just what we have accomplished this year in our literature department. I am depending on you to send me this report as early as possible so that I may have a splendid report from our department for our National meeting in July.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
1624 E. Cahal Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

Union Report

The First Union Meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met in regular session with Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne County on March 29, 1940. The devotional services were conducted by Brother R. P. Lee, and the welcome address was delivered by W. F. Pittman. The response was by Rev. J. H. Worley.

After the usual opening remarks which were made by the moderator, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then the list of ministers was called at this time, and all heads were bowed in humble submission of the passing of Rev. S. H. Styron who was a member of this union meeting, and was pastor of this church at the time of his death. Following this was a song by the audience and a quartette by the James Family and Raymond Fields.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. Clarence Bowen. An offering was taken, which amounted to \$10.63, for the Orphanage at Middlesex.

The afternoon session opened with song by the audience, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. Tilden Renfrow, and prayer was by Rev. J. H. Worley. Then the list of churches was called with Rev. Clarence Bowen acting as reading clerk. The treasurer made the following report:

Brought forward from last union	\$17.57
Received from the Apportionment Committee ..	51.00
Collection for the Orphanage ..	10.63
Total	\$79.20

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	\$15.00
To disabled ministers	15.00
To Foreign Missions	5.00
To moderator	5.00
To clerk	7.00

Total paid out	\$47.00
Balance in treasury	\$32.20

It was moved and carried that the secretary and treasurer hold the stock that this union meeting has

in the Press. It was moved and carried to send to Rev. W. L. Moretz \$5 for foreign missions. There was a rising vote of thanks extended to the church at Pleasant Grove for their hospitality in entertaining the union. The next union meeting will be held at Spring Hill church in Wayne County near Goldsboro. By motion the union closed to meet the next time in course. Rev. Tilden Renfrow preached on Sunday.

W. R. Williams, *Moderator*
W. F. Pittman, *Secy.-Treas.*

Who Can Tell?

What kind of a church would our church be,

If every member lived just like me?

What would the size of our church be,

If every member did not more than me?

What kind of meetings would our meetings be,

If all prayed for its success just like me?

What would the value of our prayer meetings be,

If no member attended no more than me?

In what condition would our finances be,

If every member paid just like me?

Am I pushing my church as I should be,

Or is my church carrying me?

—Anonymous

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalm 15: 8.

My soul would all her thoughts approve,

To His all-seeing eye;
Nor death nor hell my hope shall move,

While such a Friend is nigh.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. Psalm 16: 9.

Concert Class Report

First Week

Pilgrims Rest	\$15.82
Free Union	14.00
St. John's Chapel	20.00
Davis	33.07
Beaufort	26.88
Morehead City	32.24

Total \$142.01

Second Week

Holly Springs	\$21.09
St. Mary's	77.79
Bridgeton	25.25
Arapahoe Church and Sunday School	32.65
Rock of Zion	17.78
New Bethlehem	16.50
Warden's Grove	21.50

Total \$212.56

Donated Commodities

Wilbur Goodwin, 5 gallons gasoline	\$1.00
Mrs. W. G. Murphy, food	.25
Total	\$1.25

Alma Broughton,
Class Manager

F. W. B. Orphanage Report
for May 1-15, 1940

Receipts

Balance on hand May 1, 1940	\$2,095.51
Religious Organizations	97.64
Adjustments	.21
Total	\$2,193.36

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 251.86
Office Supplies	4.85
Burial Insurance	14.30
Car Payment	253.93
Financing and Publicity	38.10
Food	24.69
Clothing	132.83
Household	31.11
Travel Relating to care of children	64.43
Health Supplies	8.00
School Supplies	5.10

Lights	16.83
Farm Supplies	47.34
Replacement of Livestock	29.38
Blue Prints	75.00
Adjustments	91.25

Total	\$1,314.00
Balance on hand	879.36
	\$2,193.36

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The winner of the game will be the player who recognizes on his card or cards the answer to these questions and is the first player to cover all the answers with the question cards surrendered by the leader for his correct answers. Each question card has the key to the answer printed on it, making dispute impossible. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

The Game of Bible Quotto



is so named because it is a combination of "Quotto" and "Lotto" and is played somewhat like the latter, but with important and very interesting differences. There are 15 large cards (4½x7 inches), each printed in a different color, making the outlay on the playing table very attractive to the eye. There are also provided 120 smaller cards (1½x2 inches). Each player is given one of the large cards (or more if agreed). If there are any left over they are placed face up in the center or to one side of the table in "Elijah's Place." All fifteen cards should be used.

The object of the game is to complete one card. Each player reads the first part of the quotation, printed on the small covering cards, and the other players try to complete the quotation, from the larger card. Then the smaller card is placed face down on its quotation, making a blank where there had been a half-finished quotation.

The Scriptural reference is cited with each quotation. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Peter 5:5.

As a child relies

On a care beyond his own;

Knows he's neither strong nor wise,

Fears to stir a step alone;

Let me thus with thee abide

As my Father, Guard and Guide.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5:6.

The Acme Bible Book Game



consists of 66 round-cornered cards (2½x3½ inches), representing individual books of the Bible. On the top of each card is indicated the Division to which the card belongs. Example: II—Ephraim belongs to the General Epistles Division. There are two numbers, one in black and one in red, indicating that there are eight books in the Division. The red is 1, indicating the order of the book in its Division. There are ten Divisions represented in the set of cards.

The design of the game is to have the contestants win by the highest number. Marked cards have been provided by the figure 5 in red. When all the cards have been played, individual players or partners are given credit accordingly. The player receiving the first three hundred count wins the game.

This game helps folks get acquainted with the Books of the Bible in their proper place. It provides entertainment for Church and Sunday School groups. It is a profitable pastime in the home. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

The Game of Bible Rhymes



consists of 128 interesting questions about Bible boys, girls, men, women, cities, buildings, villages, roads, birds, gardens, flowers, mountains, facts, incidents, and miracles. These questions are printed on small cards (1½x2 inches), which are to be read by a leader. Also there are 16 larger cards (4½x7 inches), each having eight of the answers printed on them.

The game is played like Bible Lotto, but the questions are different and the method of asking them in short catchy rhymes adds novelty and excites alert interest.

An example:

"A ruddy shepherd lad

Five tiny pebbles had.

With them, Goliath vanquished."

Each answer is self-verifying, making dispute impossible. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
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Haggai Urges the Building of God's House

(Lesson for June 16)

Lesson: Haggai 1: 2-12.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is*" (Hebrews 10: 24, 25).

Dr. Lyman Abbott was traveling through a district that had been devastated by fire. It was a district largely populated by sincere Puritans. There were many temporary log houses and rough shanties in view; in these crude dwellings the people were sheltering themselves. But Dr. Abbott was surprised to see one fine, large brick building that stood out obviously above the rest. In reply to his question he was informed that the brick building was the church. "Oh," he said, "then the church was not damaged by the fire!" "Oh, yes," he was told, "it was completely destroyed. That is the new church. We have rebuilt that before we have rebuilt our own houses."—*The Elim Evangel*.

This is the spirit the Jews should have manifested, but did not. Hence Haggai's message.

I. HOME WORK

1. How promptly does God expect men to bring their material offerings to Him? (Exodus 22: 29).

2. What is quite certain to become of a postponement of conversion? (Acts 24: 25).

3. What kind of neglect is bound to have fatal consequences? (Hebrews 2: 1-3).

4. What was God's message to

those who lived in selfish indulgence? (Amos 6: 1-10).

5. How many things was the Jewish remnant in Haggai's day asked specially to consider? (Haggai 1: 5, 7; 2: 15, 18).

6. Why does the Lord allow hardships to come into the lives of His children? (Proverbs 3: 12; Hebrews 12: 5-8).

7. What should we do with the material possessions the Lord has given us? (Proverbs 3: 9; Luke 8: 3).

8. How does the Lord's call for our material goods sometimes affect the human heart? (Mark 10: 22; Acts 2: 45).

9. For what will the Christian be rewarded when he stands before the Lord Jesus Christ? (1 Corinthians 3: 13-15).

10. Read the entire Book of Haggai this week. It will pay you to do so. Then study the lesson in our quarterlies. Those who neglect the study of the lesson are apt to be careless regarding other duties.

II. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

Haggai's mission was to the remnant of the Jews that had turned from the Babylonian captivity. Led by the Spirit of God it was his burning desire to stir up the people to complete the rebuilding of the Temple, the foundations of which had been laid not long after the return (Ezra 3: 8-13). But hindrances and opposition had developed and the work that had been begun with a great show of enthusiasm was brought to a halt. Under Haggai's ringing messages it was at last resumed and brought to a successful completion.

1. *God's Call* (HAGGAI 1: 2-6). The people said it was not the right time to build the Lord's House. They were waiting for the psychological moment to arrive. They looked only at the difficulties with which they had met in the past, such as the op-

position of the people in the land, their complaint to the king, and the decree of Artaxerxes stopping the work (Ezra 4). They did not take into consideration the fact that these hindrances had been removed in the approximately fifteen years that had passed.

As usual, God used a man to convey His message (Haggai 1: 3). He could use other methods if He chose to do so. In our day especially He has limited the proclamation of His message almost entirely to men and women who are willing to go where He sends them and to speak what He commands.

The people said, it was not the time to build the Lord's House, but the Prophet rebuked them for this. It was the right time, they thought, to provide for themselves. They did not live in tents, or in temporary dwellings, but had built ceiled houses for themselves. Only the Lord's House was still neglected. They spent all of their time working for their own interests.

2. *God's Command* (HAGGAI 1: 7, 8). God commanded them concerning the material for His House. They should go into the woods, cut down trees, and bring down the wood for the building. God is Spirit and in the present age does not dwell in the temples built with man's hands (Acts 17: 24). His temples today are the bodies of those who have yielded to Him (1 Corinthians 6: 19). Still there is a place for the use of material objects in his service. If His work is to be carried on among men there must be places in which to carry it on. There must be churches, mission halls, printing establishments, books, etc., to carry out the message of salvation.—J. C. T.

3. *God's Chastening* (HAGGAI 1: 9-11). In this lesson we see how every effect has a cause and the the leading thought is found in Haggai 1: 9. Israel was suffering from a serious drought (vs. 11)—"all the labour" of their hands came to

taught. They "have sown much" (vss. 6), "looked for much," but "it come to little." What was the *cause* of the earth's barrenness? "Why"? saith the Lord of hosts had their expectations been unrealized? They are called to "consider" their ways (vss. 5, 7), to look into things, to see the relation between their fruitless labor and sin. God shows the underlying cause of their sufferings—"Because of Mine House that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house" (vs. 9). The root cause of the lack of food and drink was: *they were more interested in self than in God*. They worshipped self rather than God. When men suffer for their sins they do not search their hearts diligently to find the *real cause*; they look outside themselves and fix the blame on others, on circumstances, on the state. There can be no progress till we each realize that it is *sin against God* which is the cause of our misery. Until things are right at the center, they can never be right at the circumference. When sin is acknowledged (Psalms 51: 3, 4), pardoned (Psalms 32: 1), forsaken (Isaiah 55: 7), then will it be true of us—"From this day will I bless you" (Haggai 2: 19).—A. H.

"Love"

1. "Love is of God and from God." He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." (1 John 4: 8, 9).

2. "Love to God Commanded."

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might" (Deuteronomy 6: 5).

"Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep His charge, and His statutes, and His judgments, and His commandments always" (Deuteronomy 11: 1).

"But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses, the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Joshua 22: 5).

"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10: 37).

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law?"

"Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22: 36-38).

"But if any man love God, the same is known of Him" (1 Cor. 8: 3).

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4: 17, 19).

Next: "BROTHERLY LOVE"

E. W. Mitchell,
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Notice of Home-Coming Celebration

On Sunday, June the ninth, there will be a Home-Coming Day celebration observed at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist church in Duplin County.

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God's Power

King Nebuchadnezzar had made a great big golden statue of himself and he made everybody worship it and himself. Only the three Jewish men who loved God did not worship it. You remember, they were thrown into the big fire and the king saw them there and saw Jesus in the fire with them. Then he saw them come out of the fire, and they were not burnt at all. This was a wonderful thing. The king saw the power of God.

But the king was not sorry for his sins. He still left that big golden statue up there and he still made the people worship it. So God sent the king another dream. This dream was to tell the king what would happen to him if he did not become sorry for his sins and do good. This is the dream which the king dreamt.

He dreamt that he saw a great big tree. The tree was so big that it touched the sky, and people all over the earth could see it. The leaves were very pretty and the fruit very good. The animals rested in the shade under it and the birds made homes in its branches. Then the king saw someone come down from heaven and cut that great big tree down. Only the stump was left in the ground. Then a band of iron and brass put around the stump. This stump was to be wet with the dew and the wild animals would be around it. The man's heart which it had was to be changed to the heart of an animal for seven years. This was the dream.

Daniel was called in by the king to tell him the meaning of the dream. Daniel told the king that the tree stood for him. Even as the tree was great, so was the king. And as the tree was cut down and only its stump was left in the earth, so some terrible thing was to happen

to the king. That terrible thing was this. The king was to be just like an animal for seven years, live in the woods with the animals, eat grass like the animals, think like an animal, and act like an animal. This was to be his punishment until he would be willing to worship God and obey Him, instead of hating God and having all the people worship that golden statue.

Daniel told the king that all this would happen to him if he was not sorry for his sins and would not obey God. Daniel told the king to obey God and then this terrible thing would not come to him.

God gave king Nebuchadnezzar a whole year to think this over, a whole year to be sorry for his sins. But the king did not want to obey God. One day he was walking in his great place and saying to himself, "How great I am, what a great kingdom I have, what a wonderful city I have built." You see, he was proud. He did not want God. And while he was saying these things, a voice from heaven told him that his punishment was coming now. Some of the king's friends drove him away from the palace out into the woods. There he lived like an animal for seven years. His hair grew to be like eagle's feathers, and his finger nails like a bird's claws. He ate grass like a cow. He crawled on his hands and his knees with his head bent to the ground like an animal. And all the while he crawled on the ground, he knew that he was the king.

Then when the seven years were over, the king had had enough punishment, and he raised his head to heaven and told God that he was willing now to obey and serve Him. So God took away from the king the animal heart which he had given him, and gave him a man's heart again, and sent him back to his palace. Then the king sent a letter to the whole world telling the people that God was the only God, the highest God.—*Selected.*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

ALLEN—Mr. S. V. Allen was born on September 25, 1875, and died on April 9, 1940. He was married to Miss Effie Huddell the first time. Later his second marriage was to Maude Hollowell.

Uncle Sam, who was known and loved by our community, was an active member of Dublin Grove church. His funeral was held at the home by the pastor, Rev. Philip Woodard, and assisted by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. Graham Eubanks, Aurora, North Carolina.

He was buried in the family cemetery at Royal, North Carolina. The relatives surviving are his wife, his three daughters, Mrs. William Jesseberger, Otisville, New York; Ava Allen, Chicago, Illinois; Myrtle, Ruth, Frances, Hampton, Virginia; and Vivian of Aurora, North Carolina.

Written by Sally Thompson

DEAL—Mr. Dettie Deal was born on February 16, 1884, and died on February 28, 1940. He was married to Addie Smithwick, and to this union were born five children: Walter, Joe Cephus, Dettie Bryan, Earl, and Mrs. Frank O'Neal of Washington, North Carolina.

Brother Deal was active as a deacon of Dublin Grove Church. His passing on was beautiful, for he talked of his going to the last.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Philip Woodard. His body was laid to rest in the Deal Cemetery.

Also Brother and Sister Deal's son, David, age 21, who has been in the State Hospital, was buried beside his father on May 27, 1940.

Written by Sally Thompson

BANKS—William Lewis Banks, who was born on August 15, 1927, died on November 17, 1939. He lived on this earth 12 years, 3 months and 4 days.

He united with Spring Hope church in Craven County in November 1938 under B. F. Ringgold, pastor.

We the church of Spring Hope bow our heads in humble submission unto him that doeth all things well. We believe our loss is his eternal gain. The funeral services were conducted by B. F. Ringgold and assisted by Elder B. W. Wells, after which the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends and loved ones to await the resurrection of the just at the coming of the Lord.

Written by B. F. Ringgold, Pastor

Orphanage Report

(Continued from page eleven)

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$2,095.51
Soundview Sunday School	3.00
Rose Hill Church	4.07
Davis Sunday School	5.00
L. A. S. of St's Delight Church	2.00
Powhatan Church	8.00
Rock Spring	1.75
St's Delight, Greene County	4.25
Owen's Chapel Church	3.00
Core Creek Sunday School	5.87
Cedar Hill Sunday School	1.20
Velva Daughtry	.21
Goldsboro Sunday School	15.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Aid Money	39.50
Total	\$2,193.36

Donated Commodities

Mrs. Billie Carrol, quilt	\$ 3.25
L. A. S. of Pine Level Church, quilt	3.50
St's Delight, Greene County, clothing and farm supplies	43.87
Antioch L. A. S., quilt	6.50
Total	\$ 57.12

Cash Furnished by Ladies Aid Societies for Adopted Children

Edgemont Missionary Society, Ruth Craft	\$ 12.50
Hopewell L. A. S., Lucy Harrell	12.50
Horney Heights L. A. S., Florence Gwinne	2.00
Moseley's Creek L. A. S., Magaline Bisette	12.50
Total	\$ 39.50

Clothing Furnished by Ladies Aid Societies for Adopted Children

Edgemont Missionary Society, Ruth Craft	\$ 24.75
Goldsboro L. A. S., Catherine West	12.50
Horney Heights L. A. S., Florence Gwinne	11.80
Total	\$ 49.05

I have herewith submitted my final report, which closes my work as Superintendent of the Orphanage.

By way of information, I wish to state that the Institution is free from all indebtedness and current bills paid to date. By order of the Board of Trustees, in session May 9, 1940, there is deposited the sum of \$2,500.00 on interest, subject to

the call of the Board. This amount is set aside as a permanent Building Fund. There is the amount of \$879.36 which is designated for current operating expenses. The above amounts constitute the amount of all cash on hand.

For your further information, the Board in session on the above named date, discovered that they did not have sufficient funds on hand to justify them to proceed with the Building Program. In the

light of the present outlook, they deemed it wise to suspend the Building Program for the time being and asked the supporters to rally, in order that the program may be resumed when sufficient funds are at hand.

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The Enemies of Christ

By REV. W. L. MORETZ, Swannanoa, N. C.

(Radio Message by Rev. Willett L. Moretz, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Secy.-Treas. Foreign Mission Department of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Association, on WFTC May 23, 1940, 8:30 a. m.)

In my message of two weeks ago, I spoke to you on the subject, "Friends of Christ." This morning I am using the opposite for my subject. It is "The Enemies of Christ." Doubtless there are those already saying, "Surely there are none who are the enemies of Christ. Surely no one would hate Him after what He has done for a lost world." Strange as it may seem there are millions in the world who are the enemies of a loving Christ. In Jas. 4: 4 we read "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Since God and Christ are one the enemies of Christ are the enemies of God also. Likewise those who hate Christ hate God also. Christ said, "He that hateth me hateth my Father also." He said again, "But now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father."

That there are enemies of Christ in the world today cannot be denied. Everyone who is in sin is the enemy of Christ. Sin produces enemies to Christ, and his enemies are responsible for all sin. If everyone could be brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, sin could be obliterated.

Christ and the cross upon which He died are inseparable. Some would say that they find no difficulty in loving Christ as a man—as any other man—but to love Him as the crucified Saviour for their sins is too much. To love Him to the extent of letting Him become a part of them, and to the extent of being willing to

bear His cross in their daily lives is entirely too much to expect in this age.

In this connection we are reminded of a text which came from the great apostle, Paul, "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." (Philippians 3: 18). So, my friends, those who deny that Christ died for the sins of lost humanity are not only enemies of the cross but of Christ also. The Saviour became obedient unto death that He might make atonement for sin. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."

It is seen from these passages that the death of Christ was sacrificial. He endured the agonies of the cross that He might sustain the authority of the divine law, satisfy the demands of divine justice, and preserve untarnished, the honor of the divine throne in the salvation of lost sinners. To make atonement for sin was the great object of the Messiah's incarnation and death. Therefore, those who deny the doctrine of the atonement are the enemies of Christ and the cross. They may say that Jesus died a martyr to the truth, or that He died to manifest God's benevolence to man, but if they divest the death of Christ to its atoning power, they are enemies of both Christ and His cross. They rob Christ of His power to save and the cross of its glory. Whenever this is done it may be said in truth, "An enemy hath done this."

Those who reject salvation thru Jesus Christ are His enemies. Salvation was purchased by the blood of Christ shed on the cross. Calvary was the theatre on which was acted the awful tragedy which laid a firm basis for the hopes of a dying world.

The offer of salvation is made through the blood of the cross. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." But for the death of Jesus there would have been no salvation for our apostate race. Think, sinner, friend, what it cost the Saviour that the offer of salvation might be made to you! No, it did not cost Him silver and gold, and gems, and pearls, and treasures of empires, but His blood—His own heart's blood. None but the enemies of Christ can set at naught the salvation procured by His own blood. And what enmity they must feel!

Those who love sin, and whose affections are placed on the world are the enemies of Christ and His cross. The cross was erected to demolish sin. Sin is the work of the devil, and for this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. No man ever learns the lesson which the cross teaches without hating sin. Christ's enemies show their enmity in their love for sin. This enmity never ceases until the love of sin is destroyed.

History bears testimony that men have been enemies of their country, enemies of their fathers, their mothers, their brothers, their sisters, their wives, their children, but all this is not so frightful as enmity to the cross and the Christ who died upon it. The human race might well feel dishonored if only one of its members were the enemy of the cross and of the Son of God. But the enmity of which I am speaking rankles in the hearts of millions!

How deeply humble Christians should be. We were once the enemies of Christ. We were once on the way to hell, and would be on our way there now if God had not interposed by His grace.

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EDITORIAL

The Subscription Honor Roll Gratifying

The Subscription Honor Roll for the Baptist has been running fine this year. Several of the leading ministers and lay-workers have been soliciting subscriptions among their good church people in such a way as to have placed themselves about the top of the list. This is gratifying to the editor and the Business Manager of the Press, and it shows that some of the leaders are working for the increased circulation of the church paper.

For example, Brother Moretz of Swannanoa leads the list in the Senior Group. J. C. Griffin, L. H. Wetherington, D. W. Alexander, James A. Evans, and R. N. Hinnant are following close behind in piling up fine lists of subscriptions. We are glad to see them take their places in the front ranks for subscriptions to the Baptist paper. Quite a number of other ministers are making a good showing also, and we appreciate their interest and efforts to get their church people to take the church paper. But we note that there are still others who are not doing so much along this line. In fact, there are some who are not sending a single subscription and have not for sometime. We are hoping, however, that they will begin to send in some fine lists during the summer months. Some one has said, "He is a poor minister who will not take his own church paper and never get others to take it."

- Among the Auxiliary workers there are several who are making a good showing. For example, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard of Deep Run takes the lead over all other women in this respect. We note only three ministers are now ranking above her in the Senior list. Mrs. M. A. Wood-

ard of Winterville comes next to her and is fifth from the top. Mesdames W. L. Gibbs, D. C. Davenport, Maggie Smith, and E. L. Mallard are following close behind in the Senior Roll. From all reports they are soliciting their church friends for subscriptions to the Baptist.

For the Junior Honor Roll, Mrs. J. R. Fleming of Pikeville is now leading this list. Quite a number of men and women have their names on this roll. It is representative of the fact that they have been working too for the paper. May they continue to solicit their friends for more subscriptions to the paper. We want them to know that we are greatly appreciative of their efforts and we are asking that they strive on to do more during the summer to increase their numbers of subscriptions.

Moreover, we are glad to state that the total list of subscriptions to the paper is holding on well this summer. Usually there is a falling off during the spring and summer months, due to one cause or another. But we are glad to state that they are this summer holding good thus far. The Business Manager is not having to discontinue many because of falling into arrears, as have been true during the past years. It is interesting also to note that many have written in, requesting us not to drop their names from the mailing list if the renewal has not arrived by the time of the expiration date, for they want to continue taking the paper and will send renewal payment in a few days. We are glad to see this interest manifested, for it enables us to retain their names and to secure payments of their subscriptions before the names have to be dropped. It is to be remembered, however, that through the ruling of the Board about two years ago, the Business Manager is to keep the list of ar-

rears to the minimum, and not continue sending the paper when subscriptions are falling behind. Thus far the ruling has worked well, and we are glad to see new interest shown toward our church paper. We are asking all to encourage the church people to take the Baptist paper, read it each week and keep it in the home all the time. We want the parents to encourage their children to read the Baptist each week.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

INFIDELITY

"Infidelity," Webster says, "is disbelief in all religion, especially Christianity." If disbelief in Christianity is infidelity, is it not also infidelity to believe a part of the New Testament and disbelieve the other part? Then how can a half "infidel" get to heaven? Yes, to not believe the whole Scriptures in every part is infidelity.

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VISIONS

"I don't believe in visions" said a gentleman to me a few days ago. However the word of God declares more than eighty times the word "vision" and "visions." We will just give one or two. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel unto them" (Acts 16: 9, 10). Paul and Silas believed in visions. A vision moved them to go for the Lord. Again we quote, "Then spoke the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace" (Acts 18: 9). Yes, I believe in visions.

SOWING AND REAPING

Truth is truth whether it is believed or not. Man's unbelief does not change God's word. God says, "Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap." Europe has sown hatred, infidelity, adultery, fornication and all manner of sins. Now Europe is reaping destruction. If Europe had sown to the Spirit of the Christ it would now be reaping love, joy, peace, long-suffering gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. War is the result of lust, strife, hatred, envy and every other hellish desire that can enter the hearts of sinful men.

SOWING TO THE FLESH

When we sow to the flesh destruction is ahead. There is no way to dodge the reaping. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." Men sow seed into the lives of their children that bring heartaches to both the child and the parents. I knew a man to give intoxicating liquors and wines to his little boy of tender years. About twenty years from then that boy was being treated in an institution for drunks. I saw a man lead two of his sons—went in before them—into a bar-room about forty years ago. Both of those boys died drunkards. Many parents sow seeds of death and crime into the lives of their children before birth. This is a fact that cannot be denied. If you do not believe it go to some feeble-minded institution and ask the head physician. Ask any physician of good sense. Search the Scriptures and see what God says. Yes, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." God's word cannot fail. Neither can man change the decree of God by disobeying what God says about it.

Report of Mission Work

Houston, Texas

We have been in the city of Houston, Texas, in an effort to contact our Free Will Baptist people and organize a church of our denomination. We arrived in Houston, March 25th, and began to search for our folk and a building in which we might begin our campaign. We found 47 Free Will Baptist families during this time here, and we have visited all of them. Many have joined other churches, but the greater majority are still members of our country churches. We received co-operation from about four of our folk all the time we were in the Central Park district. Some few came only once or twice during the meeting, but there were others who could not come because of being at great distance from the Tent.

Not being able to secure a building for the meeting we constructed a portable tabernacle. Our meeting under the Tabernacle ran from May 5th to June 2nd. We were enabled to secure a lovely building in the Heights around which numbers of our people are living. This building is a Woman's Club and has been rented to us for \$20.00 per month including lights, water and janitor service. Half of the first two months' rent is paid by one of our number, which leaves us but ten dollars per month to pay for the first two months.

Dr. L. B. Hankins, who has recently come to us from the Methodist Church is here as pastor and being entertained in the home of one of our families. The tent was moved to Huntsville, Texas, June 3, where we are planning to help get the meeting under way before going to the National Association in Kentucky.

I have an exact account of all funds coming to me and am listing them as follows. 1. Amounts received for the Houston Campaign from the date of the Quarterly meet-

ing at Bright Light Church, April 31, 1940. 2. Amount paid out for the tent and campaign. 3. The amount of collections received under the tent.

Receipts

Bright Light Quarterly Meeting	\$ 25.83
April 15, 1940, Bryan Church for canvas	65.00
April 11, 1940, Bro. Wiggs' Churches	23.70
National Home Mission Department	50.00
June 3, 1940, Mrs. Parker, Huntsville (Chairs)	4.00
Total	\$168.53
Amount paid for tent.	
Bolts, angle-irons	\$ 6.97
Lumber.	
Frame, platform, sign, pulpit	18.73
Canvas top and sides	74.00
Electrical equipment	5.86
Piano	25.00
Folding chairs	28.89
Total	\$159.45

The chairs were bought on time from Sears and Roebuck up to June 4, \$11.40 has been paid.

In an effort to contact our people personally, we have used 262 gallons of gas at a cost of \$45.90; amount received in collections under tent from May 5th to June 2, \$27.39.

Our first service was in the Woman's Club building, 18 persons present, and the collection \$3.88.

The rent on the building was paid with following funds:

June 2, 1940, Bro. Clyde Goen, credited to Bright Light Church	\$ 13.50
Rev. L. Payne	10.00
Respectfully submitted, Thomas H. Willey	

*His mercy never shall remove
From men of heart sincere;
He saves the souls whose humble
love
Is joined with holy fear.*

God be merciful to me a sinner.—
Luke 18: 13.

Bad men will excuse their faults,
good men will leave them—*From
Writings of BEN JONSON.*

A Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Section Two — Points One, Two, and Three

By WILLIAM E. COVILLE, Chairman,
National Sunday School Board

All nine points of Section One of the proposed Standard deal with the Sunday School as an organization made up of pupils, teachers, and officers. Section One seeks to develop the proper relationship of the school to the church, to accomplish the true mission of the Sunday School which is soul salvation, and to set up a plan by which the school, through the use of Free Will Baptist literature and an efficient system of administration, may become a power for good in the community.

Section Two encourages the extension of the good influence of the Sunday school into the district, the state, and the nation. God's word teaches us that we should bear each other's burdens and share our blessings. Section Two of the Standard seeks to exemplify this teaching. The school that is having a hard time needs help; the school that is flourishing needs to know the joy of helping. It matters not how greatly we feel the urge to help other schools or how greatly we feel the need of help from other schools, unless we are organized our power for good will be limited.

DISTRICT AFFILIATION. "The school shall be a member in good standing in its District Sunday School Convention." Our Sunday schools in many places seem to have recognized the value of banding themselves together in district conventions. Reports are continually coming in relative to the organization of district Sunday school conventions. This is encouraging news. Our Sunday schools are headed in the right direction. Progress is being made and Jesus is being glorified through it.

Many of our schools have not yet come into the district conventions. *The responsibility for their failure to do so rests upon their pastor and superintendent.* Pastors and superintendents just tell your Sunday Schools that they are too good not to belong to the district convention and see what their reaction will be. They will vote unanimously to join. Try it! They want to belong—they are awaiting your leadership.

STATE AFFILIATION. "The school, through its district convention, shall be a composite part of the State Sunday School Convention. If there is no district or state convention in which the Standard school may place its membership it should co-operate with the Chairman of Organization of the National Sunday School Board in an effort to organize a district or state convention.

While the work of our schools in organizing district conventions is quite commendable, the work of our district conventions state conventions is deplorable. Only a very few of our states have State Sunday School Conventions. I wonder why more progress has not been made in this direction? Do you know? Is it lack of interest on our part or on the part of our leaders? Is it fear on the part of our ministers? Are they afraid that the Sunday school work will expand beyond their control? Does the element of selfishness enter into it? Do some persons feel that they would not be given the "high places" and for that reason they discourage the program of expansion. Is it for lack of information? Is it lack of initiative on the part of the National Sunday School Board. Regardless of what the reason is, the fact that we as Sunday schools are very ineffectively organized, Section Two, Point Two of the Standard offers a solution to our problem if *all will co-operate*. It is the business of the National Sunday School Board to see that our Sunday schools are provided with a plan of organization for their convention work and to assist them in it.

NATIONAL AFFILIATION. "The school, through its district and state conventions, shall be actively engaged in the work of the National Sunday School Convention. The school shall support the program of work as outlined by the National Sunday School Board."

Shall we go this far in our Sunday school organization? Is it necessary for our Sunday school work to be that well organized? Will our Sunday schools support a national convention? And finally, since I have not heard from all of the members of our National Board, will our National Board approve of a National Convention?

Next week, with the help of the Lord and under his direction, I plan to present for your consideration a constitution and by-laws for a National Sunday School Convention.

We Appreciate These Privileges

It was my happy privilege to attend the Albemarle Union and Sunday School Convention, Fifth Sunday in March. According to request, I preached a doctrinal sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. It was well received by a very large mixed congregation. Every one seemed to enjoy it, and brotherly love continued.

The Union convened with Union Grove Church of Beaufort County. This is a union church owned jointly by the Free Will Baptists and Disciples. Rev. Phillip Woodard is the Free Will Baptist pastor, and preaches on First Sundays; Rev. John R. Smith is the Disciple pastor, and preaches on Third Sundays. "Behold," said the psalmist, "how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." I was well pleased with the whole-hearted satisfaction that seemed to prevail.

When a young man, and while preaching doctrinal sermons, I endeavored to put the plowshare of God's word in to the beam, and then bear down on the handles and let the

argument fly. Unscriptural statements do not bring results. It takes the pure, unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ. It commends itself to the heart and conscience of all believers. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

By request of their pastor, Rev. Chester Pelt, I was delighted with the privilege of preaching a sermon on feet-washing as a religious rite in connection with communion in observance of the Lord's Supper. This sermon was preached in Reedy Branch Church at the Quarterly Meeting service on Saturday night before the First Sunday in May. This service was also highly appreciated, and many complimentary expressions were heard from those who were present.

Reedy Branch has been one of our leading churches for a long time. The present building was begun and completed, and dedicated by the late Thomas E. Peden, while the writer was her young pastor. Thirty-eight years ago my friends of this church could have been easily numbered by the scores. Most of them have now finished their course and are gone on to their final reward. May God in His mercy richly bless the brethren and sisters who continue to carry on the much needed work.

By request, and with a heart of gratitude, it was my privilege to preach at King's Cross Roads Church at eleven o'clock on the Third Sunday in May, which was Home-Coming Day. It was indeed a fine day, and enjoyed by a large concourse of people. With the pastor, Rev. Chester Pelt, the following ministers were present: C. J. Harris, D. A. Windham, L. W. Humbles, and D. A. Clarke of the Methodist Church of Farmville. Most of these preachers made interesting talks. Good singing was rendered by different voices. The day was well spent, and may the occasion redound to the glory of God.

Having been invited by the pastor,

Rev. Duffy Toler, I preached at Smyrna Church in Beaufort County at eleven o'clock on the First Sunday in June. I was glad to have had the privilege to preach in their Quarterly Meeting. I pastored for this church many years ago, and it will afford me much pleasure in the future to preach for them as guest speaker. God is good, and His mercy abideth forever. May He bless this church and her pastor.

I am requested, and shall be happy to meet the request if nothing happens to prevent, to preach as the guest speaker in Marlboro Church at the Home-Coming on the Fourth Sunday in June at eleven o'clock. I was pastor of this church for a period of five years. And now to be privileged to preach on this special occasion is quite a treat for me.

The old pastors and preachers declining with age are always spiritually encouraged when they are invited to preach on these special occasions. Human nature is inclined to desire recognition. All preachers are strongly inspired when they see their work is appreciated by those for whom they have labored.

Selfishness should have no place among Christians. Christianity is boundlessly benevolent; it embraces God, and the world. Let us appreciate each other, and pray one for another that we may be strengthened and healed. Pray for me.

C. J. Harris

Special Notice!

This is the last call for statistics for the National Association Statistical Report. All associational and conference clerks are urged to send a copy of their minutes right away in order to get their groups counted. If you have not responded, please do so now.

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Stumblingblocks

By Mrs. C. T. Adams

The word of God is sharper than a two-edge sword. We know that a sword cuts, so does the word of God, when it touches our sore spots. That was the mission of Jesus to teach the word, and He never sugar-coated His message. He had not many followers, but He delivered the Truth, and then gave His precious life for us. We must study and deliver His word today so that God may use it to lead others into paths of righteousness. The word is wonderful to me, because it sets up a higher standard for Christian living than the world does.

Today there are preachers' wives who are stumbling-blocks instead of living epistles. They paint and bob and think nothing of spending hours in a beauty salon, yet they say, "God just hasn't called me to do personal work." This is true and the reason is that they live to please the flesh. God denounces worldly beauty describing it as disfigurement. He calls many but chooses few—those who are of a meek and quiet spirit, who are of ugly countenance yet they possess a beauty which the world does not understand. The most beautiful saint in my church is a little hump back lady who does not dress in style, yet there is a beauty which shines from her face that surpasses anything the beauty salons have to offer—the beauty of Jesus—His beauty is hid when the mud puddles of the world are in our way.

New converts generally say, "Preacher so and so's wife paints and bobs so why shouldn't I?" This is sad, as they live in the tower of the flesh—stumblingblocks—though God knows their hearts and the deceitfulness of their beauty. May God use this message to stir some one's heart. This is God's message and I can only expect criticism as Jeremiah when he denounced the women for their pride. It was because he loved them. Study the Lamentations for more help.

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From Adam to Christ

"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:21-22).

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and in the earth He also made a beautiful garden. He made man the greatest of all His handiwork, for He made him in His likeness and image, and meant for him to glorify God in the beautiful earth which He had made.

He placed him in the garden of Eden, and gave him a help mate. He placed them in perfect environment, and they were free, happy and enjoying all the blessings of God. Just how long they lived in this perfect state, we are not told. God warned Adam of the consequence of disobedience, and then put him to the test. He gave him his choice to choose good or evil, and as we all know, he chose evil. The penalty was death, but Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die, for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil." Adam did as Satan advised, and plunged the whole creation into sin and death.

Reader, have you ever thought about how they must have felt when they came to see things in their natural state? I can imagine that a gloom came over everything; the flowers began to drop their heads, and the songs of the birds didn't seem half as sweet. They looked at each other, and saw themselves as they really were—Naked. Their beautiful mantle of Glory was gone, they heard no more the voice of God in its sweetness in the cool of the day, but instead they heard with fear, "Adam where art thou?" It wasn't because he didn't know about their hiding place, for His all-seeing eye sees us wherever we may be. Neither do I think He spoke to them in harsh tones, but it was a question to bring them to a knowledge of what they had done. I wish every

unsaved person would hear that voice "Where art thou?" and come to realize that they are poor, miserable, blind and naked, and flee to Jesus who can change the heart, hardened by the Adamic sin, from fear and condemnation and make them new creatures in Christ Jesus.

It is impossible for us to know Jesus and the power of His resurrection while in the natural state. "For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them because they are Spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). We have to believe we are dead because God's word says as in Adam all die and again He says, "We all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." We must believe this, and believe on Jesus to save us, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

It makes no difference how many good works we do nor how many church ordinances we perform, nothing will take the place of the new birth, for Jesus says "Ye must be born again." Being born again is not starting life anew, turning over a new leaf and doing good works, but a creative act of the Holy Spirit. What we have to do is repent of our sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. How do we know the good work is done? "The Spirit beareth witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). When we have this experience, good works will follow. For we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. The new creation has to come first. But dear unsaved friend, we can't make you understand. Every person has to seek Jesus for himself, and the Holy Spirit will show him plainly the things of the kingdom.

Jesus says "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." I think why there are so few that find it, is because it is so simple that many times it is overlooked. Sometimes we hear folks say, "I'd join the church if I knew which one

to join." You see this is confusing, for when the church was established, they were all of one mind and of one accord, so denomination has nothing to do with saving one's soul. For Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Yours in Jesus' name,

Mrs. Annie Lee Mason,
Stacy, N. C.

Raleigh Revival

Briefly I would like to give to the readers of our paper a report of the revival which was conducted in Raleigh the week following the third Sunday in May in the interest of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church in our capital city.

We arrived there on Monday, May 20th late in the afternoon with the name and address of only one Free Will Baptist whom we knew. We contacted this one and others. From these we learned other members of our denomination, and by the end of the week we had contacted fifty-eight (58) prospective members. We had the use of the "Your Daily Devotional Program" over WPTF each morning of the week. By radio, telephone, and house-to-house canvassing we managed to keep our congregation growing each night.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following ministers who showed their interest by attending the services one or more nights, namely, Brothers Henry Melvin, James A. Evans, Clarence Bowen, W. E. Anderson, F. H. Rivenbark, and W. L. Moretz.

We organized the group under a Church organizing committee whose duty is to continue contacting prospective members of the church. In about a month we plan to have another revival at which time the church will be organized. In the meantime the group is meeting each Friday night in the Central Methodist Church building for services. Brother Henry Melvin of Durham and other ministers of that vicinity have the services in charge. Any minister wishing to speak to the

group should contact brother Melvin at least a week in advance. His address is 1211 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina.

May we all pray earnestly for this new church work.

Chester Pelt,
Greenville, N. C.

Home-Coming Day

There will be a Homecoming Day at Pleasant Plain Church the second Sunday in August. All former pastors and members are especially invited to be present.

There will be the Sunday School and preaching service in the morning. Dinner will be served on the grounds. After dinner, a roll call, followed with speaking and singing. Everybody is invited to come and help us have a good time in the services of the Lord.

Program Committee:

Mrs. W. O. Fields,
Mrs. Raiford Creech,
Mr. Jack Sullivan.

"Brotherly Love"

Love, that emotion expressive of good will or affection or kindness which human beings entertain one for another; also the expression of the emotion in words or acts calculated to gratify or benefit another; also the union of these two ideas in a higher and nobler sense. The development of the emotion is particularly evidenced in the attitude of God toward man, and shown in the giving by God through Jesus Christ all those things necessary for the salvation of man. Love to Christ by man is the natural off-spring of Christ's love to man. The great measure and test of love is self-sacrifice, the surrender of self and the ambitions of self, the abandonment of self in devotion to another or to others, the latter a type of love approaching the perfect type of the love of Christ. The province of love is to uplift and exalt. In mankind it is always more or less imperfect, in consequence of which we find dis-

torted and degenerated specimens of love, in affections for things that are vile, or sinful, or degrading, such as love of money, love of pleasure, love of self, etc.

E. W. Mitchell

No man loves the man he fears—
Aristotle.

FRUITS FROM THE WISE

Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but—live for it.—C. C. Colton.

The big things you can see with one eye closed. But keep both eyes wide open for the little things. Little things mark the great degrading line between success and failure.—Forbes

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Pittman Memorial Pastors' Institute

*(Program for August 11-16, 1940,
Davis, North Carolina)*

INSTITUTE THEME: "Magnifying Christ in Our Ministry."

INSTITUTE THEME SONG:
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

SUNDAY, August 11, 7-7:30 p. m.

DEVOTIONS by R. P. Harris

SERMON 7:30 p. m. by Rev. M. E. Tyson. Introductory Message.

DEVOTIONS, 8:30-8:45 a. m.

Monday, R. H. Jackson

Tuesday, S. A. Smith

Wednesday, John Linton

Thursday, Garris Gaskil

Friday, Rommie Mitchell.

DOCTRINE, 8:45-9:25 a. m.

Monday through Friday by

J. P. Barrow.

MISSIONS, 9:25-10:05 a. m.

Home, Monday through Wednesday, by M. E. Tyson.

Foreign, Thursday and Friday, by

W. L. Moretz.

ENGLISH, 10:05-10:45 a. m.

Monday through Friday by

R. B. Spencer.

RECESS, 10:45-11:00 a. m.

Monday through Friday.

DEVOTIONS, 11:00-11:15 a. m.

Monday, L. B. Manning

Tuesday, Marshall Joyner

Wednesday, L. J. Potter

Thursday, Walter Carter

Friday, Keenth Gaskil.

SERMON EACH DAY, 11:15-

12:00 a. m.

Monday, N. Bruce Barrow

Tuesday, M. L. Johnson

Wednesday, L. B. Manning

Thursday, C. J. Harris

Friday, R. E. Tripp.

LUNCH, 12:00-1:00 p. m.

Monday through Friday.

DEVOTIONS, 1:00-1:15 p. m.

Monday, Charlie Hamilton.

Tuesday, T. E. Beaman.

Wednesday, E. G. Holland

Thursday, W. A. Dail.

HOMILETICS, 1:15-1:55 p. m.

Monday through Friday by R. N.

Hinnant.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION,

1:55-2:35 p. m.

Monday through Thursday by L. R. Ennis.

EVANGELISM, 2:35-3:15 p. m.

Monday through Thursday by

Chester Pelt.

EVENING SERVICES

DEVOTIONS, 7:00-7:30 p. m.

Monday, W. E. Anderson

Tuesday, J. H. Edwards

Wednesday, L. H. Wetherington

Thursday, J. C. Griffin

Friday, G. C. Joyner

SERMONS, 7:30-7:45 p. m.

Monday, "Magnifying Christ

Through the Message," Clifton

Rice.

Tuesday, Magnifying Christ

Through His Personal Life,"

J. C. Moye.

Wednesday, "Magnifying Christ

Through Social Service," John

Alford.

Thursday, "Magnifying Christ in

the Home," J. R. Bennett.

Friday "Magnifying Christ

Through Personal Evangelism,"

Clarence Bowen.

Program

The following is the program of the Second Union of the Central Conference which will be held with Hickory Grove church in Pitt County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1940.

Morning Session

9:30—Devotions by Junior Lee

Dail

9:45—Remarks by the moderator

10:00—Business Period

10:45—Topic for Round Table Dis-

cussion: The Cause of Pres-

ent-Day Falling Away from

the Church. Led by L. A.

Arnold and Levi Hill

11:00—Song service by E. C. Hines

11:15—Union sermon by Rev. M. A.

Woodard

12:00—Dinner

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. M. Joyner

1:15—General discussion on "How

to Restore Lost Confidence"

led by Rev. D. W. Alexander

1:30—Business and adjournment

By Program Committee

Program

Program for the Sunday School and League Convention of the Central Conference to meet with Rose Hill Church, Thursday, June 20, 1940.

Morning Session

10:00—Special arranged program

by Pleasant Hill S. S.

11:00—Business Session

11:30—Speaker

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Pageant—directed by L. E.

Ballard

1:30—Open Forum

2:00—Business Session

2:30—Closing

Jasper Lewis, *President*

Jessie R. Brewer, *Rec.-Sec.*

Letter from Missouri

Dear Co-Workers:

We come to you with another report, of victory over Satan. We have been in St. Louis, Missouri in a splendid revival with Brother Mark Lewis and his church. Our people do not own the building where they worship, but this meeting has so stirred them that they took on new strength. Now it is their intention to go ahead and try to get a building of their own.

We had 60 conversions and 33 united with the church. Most of them were men and their wives. It was a success from the start. The blessed Holy Spirit was so wonderfully poured out on the people. You could see sinners weeping all over the house and some would be shouting victory because they were saved. At the close we organized a women's auxiliary that we believe will succeed.

Now a word to our dear women. The time is drawing near for us to go to our national association, so

let's get our reports to the different presidents—or vice-presidents, rather, so each can make her report to the national association when we meet. How easy it would be if every president from the local auxiliary would drill her different presidents on their line of work. How important it is to send their reports, first from local to district, and from district to state, and from state to the national body. As I am 3rd vice-president in the National association of the women's work, and listen every 3rd vice president of each state: send me a report of what you have done this year. Where you have no state Auxiliary and just have districts, you send me a report of what your district has done on missions and the other vice presidents send your reports to the various vice presidents of the national association and we will have the best report we have ever had.

Don't forget, dear sisters, to be praying for the success of our meeting that will convene the 15th of July in Paintsville, Kentucky. We are in Leadington, Missouri now in a wonderful meeting. We have only had 3 services under the Tabernacle and three have been reclaimed already, so every one that reads this, pray for many to be saved and God's will be done.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

The Enemies of Christ

(Continued from page three)

Many professors of religion are the enemies of Christ and the cross. Paul says, "Many walk of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." There is, I presume, reference to "nominal Christians." I do not wonder that the apostle wept.

The enemy of Christ is his own enemy—his own worst enemy. He is hostile to his own best interests.

He hates his own soul, hates happiness, hates salvation. It is a strange thing for man to be his own enemy. Yet nothing is more common.

What an awful place hell must be! Its population consists of enemies of the cross and of Christ. The cross has no friends there. The inhabitants are enemies of God.

Are you a friend or an enemy of Christ? It is your privilege to be His friend. Won't you accept Him now while we pray?

Surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God.—Ecclesiastes 8: 12.

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The design of the game is to have the contestants win by the highest number. Marked cards have been provided by the figure 5 in red. When all the cards have been played, individual players or partners are given credit accordingly. The player receiving the first three hundred count wins the game.

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playing table very attractive to the players. There are also provided 120 smaller cards (1x2 inches).

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The object of the game is to complete one card. Each player reads the first part of the quotation, printed on the small covering cards, and the other players try to complete the quotation, from the larger on its quotation, making a blank where there had been a half-finished quotation.

The Scripture reference is cited with each quotation. Price, 50 cents; 60 cents, postpaid.

is so named because it is a combination of "Quotation" and "Lotto" and is played somewhat like the latter, but with important and very interesting differences.

There are 15 large cards (4½x7 inches), each printed in a different color, making the outline on the playing table very attractive to the players. There are also provided 120 smaller cards (1x2 inches).

Each player is given one of the large cards (or more if agreed). If there are any left over they are placed face up in the center or to one side of the table, "Elijah's Place." All fifteen cards should be used.

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The Game of Bible Rhymes



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Please Read It

consists of 128 interesting questions about Bible boys, girls, men, women, cities, buildings, villages, roads, birds, gardens, flowers, mountains, facts, incidents, and miracles. These questions are printed on small cards (1½x2 inches), which are to be read by the leader. Also there are 15 larger cards (4½x7 inches), each having eight of the answers printed on them.

The game is played like Bible Lotto, but the questions are different and the method of asking them in short catchy rhymes adds novelty and excites alert interest.

An example:

"A ruddy shepherd lad
Five tiny pebbles had.
With them, Goliath vanquished."

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
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Malachi Demands Honesty toward God

(Lesson for June 23)

Lesson: Malachi 3: 7-18.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM enough TO RECEIVE IT*" (Malachi 3: 10).

It certainly is not wrong to talk about money in Christian work. Not only did the Lord Jesus refer to money over and over again, but He is using all that He can get hold of in carrying on the greatest business in the world. By the time He gets hold of it, it is no longer "filthy lucre," and it certainly cannot be called "the mammon of unrighteousness."

Most Bible readers have taken the promise of the blessing as referring to the givers. That is undoubtedly true also. God certainly does bless the givers. For one thing, He encourages them to be thrifty. They can earn more, because they are more dependable. They can live on less, because they are not wasteful. They save and are an asset to the community. But all the blessing is not in the realm of money. Much of it is in the realm of the Spirit. There is a new joy; the joy of helping God, the joy of helping those in physical need and in spiritual need. There is a new enthusiasm. Those who give are the very ones who do personal work themselves. Instead of letting the preacher and the missionary do all the personal work, the giver learns to do it also.

The fact is, it pays to serve Jesus; it pays every day.—H. M. H.

II. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. Malachi, who is the subject of our study today, was the last of the long line of Old Testament Prophets. His Book closes the canon of the Old Testament. After Malachi's day there was a hiatus in the prophetic ministry for about four hundred years. No inspired voice was raised in Israel until John the Baptist came, preaching repentance and announcing the coming of the Messiah. Malachi was a contemporary of Nehemiah, and followed closely after Zechariah and Haggai.

We note that the revival which came through the ministry of Haggai and Zechariah did not last long. It did not take the people a long time to relapse into indifference and sinful indulgences after the first effects of the revival had passed. Such has always been the case.

The reason for this is one that man never seems to learn; it is that believing parents do not beget believing children. Children of believing parents have to be born again, even as others (John 3: 3). There are untold advantages in being born into a Christian home and having the benefits of Christian example and nurture; but that fact does not make one a Christian. There must be the personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord. Too often it is assumed that the present generation needs no special urging or instruction in Christian ways, and the result is that they drift away from the personal evangelical faith. In our day, as in Malachi's day, we need to condemn the old sins, restate the old truths, and urge a personal acceptance of our Lord.—R. C.

2. The prominent thought in this lesson is the moral and spiritual blindness of God's people. They were blind to reality. (1) They saw no need to return to God—"Wherein shall we return?" (Malachi 3: 7). They were unconscious of any departure from Him. They resented

such a charge and felt that it was God who was guilty of having departed from them without a cause.

(2) They failed to see how they had robbed God—"Wherein have we robbed Thee?" (vs. 8). They saw not that it was a robbery to offer God the beasts which were of little profit to themselves (1:13) (3) They failed to see God has no pleasure in mere formalism—"What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance?" (3:14). Sin ultimately blinds men and women so that they cannot see the difference between sin and righteousness, justice and injustice, honesty and dishonesty, formalism and pure religion. The Pharisee in our Lord's parable (Luke 18: 9-14) is an example of the perfect formalist who is blind to his sin and true position before God. How shall we be saved from this soul-destroying formalism which brings down the curse of God (3:9)? We need conversion like the Apostle Paul (Acts 9: 17-19), for none but the Holy Spirit can remove the scales from our eyes and show us our true position before God. At conversion our eyes are opened to see the many ways in which we have robbed God and we are ready, like Zacchaeus, to make restoration (Luke 19: 8). Then we restore the things we have stolen from Him; our love, obedience, will, service. Then we no longer rob Him of His glory, but say with Paul, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6: 14).—A. H.

Camp Leach Announcement

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Campers! The registration blanks are now ready for distribution. Several have already received some blanks which were typed, and which will be O. K., but now, the regular blanks carrying all information are to be had for the asking.

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and gentle in all the events
of life—*

in disappointments,
in the thoughtlessness of others,
in the insincerity of those I
trusted,
in the unfaithfulness of those
on whom I relied.

Help me to put myself aside—

to think of the happiness of
others,
to hide my little pains and
heartaches,
so that I may be the only one
to suffer from them.

*Teach me to profit by the suffering
that comes to me.*

Help me to use it that it may
mellow me—
not harden nor embitter me;
that it may make me patient,
not irritable;
that it may make me broad in
my forgiveness;
kindly, sympathetic, and
helpful.

May no one be less for having
come within my influence, no one
less pure, less true, less noble for
having been a fellow-traveler in our
journey towards Eternal Life.

As I go my rounds from one dis-
traction to another, let me whisper
from time to time a prayer and a
word of love to Thee. May my life
be lived in Thee, full of power for
good, and strong in its purpose of
sanctity and of service.

—Selected.

Look to Jesus

When trials seem too hard to stand,
And the cross too heavy to bear;
Remember Jesus once bore it all
And again with you will share.

When those you love begin to
slander,
And you seem to have no friend;
There still is One in whom to look,
And on Him you can depend.
When all the world seems dark and
dreary,

And your heart is sad and lone;
Remember prayer can change all
things,

For God is still on the Throne.

Composed by

Mrs. Venie Carney,
East Durham, N. C.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Wed., June 5	Smyrna	Beaufort
Thur., June 6	Core Point Chap.	Beaufort
Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort
Sat., June 8	Shiloh	Beaufort
Mon., June 10	Free Union	Beaufort
Tues., June 11	Sidney	Beaufort
Wed., June 12	Belhaven	Beaufort
Thur., June 13	Union Grove	Beaufort
Fri., June 14	Union Chapel	Washington
Sat., June 15	Corinth	Martin
Mon., June 17	Mt. Tabor	Washington
Tues., June 18	Soundside	Tyrrell
Wed., June 19	Gum Neck	Tyrrell
Thur., June 20	M. lachi's Chap.	Tyrrell
Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
Sat., June 22	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
Mon., June 24	Oak Grove	Craven
Tues., June 25	Juniper Chap.	Craven
Wed., June 26	Palmetto Chap.	Craven
Thur., June 27	Macedonia	Craven
Fri., June 28	Antioch	Craver
Sat., June 29	Mosley's Creek	Craven

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PIERCE—On the evening of January 6, 1940, Brother Eddie L. Pierce passed from this life to his eternal reward. Brother Pierce was one among the most faithful members of Rain's Cross Roads church. He was always present when his health would permit. In his going the family, church and community have lost a faithful father, member and friend. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we the members of the church express to the family our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him who knoweth and doeth all things well;

Second, That in the passing of such a life our church and community have lost a valuable member, but we know that our loss is his eternal gain; therefore, we bow in humble submission to the will of God who holds each of us in the hollow of His hand;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Bertha Evans,
J. W. Boyette,

Committee

* * *

MY DADDY

While in a silent grave today
My daddy sleeps in peace;
His presence lingers ever more—
Lord may it never cease.

I sought him in my dreams alone
His blessed face I see;
I hear him whispering "never roam—
Come in the fold with me."

Around his grave I'm lonely still
For him I often weep;
Through tears and grief I turn away
With hopes that soon we'll meet.

I grieve not to bring him back
God willed for him to go;
But from a heart that loves him true
We'll meet again I know.

Still near his grave I too
Will fill a space some day;
For I must cross that way to dad—
Then meet beyond the way.

For home shall never be the same
Dad's place can never be filled;

But in the morning over there
We'll see him, yes we will.

by R. L. Cannady

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POLLARD—Rev. William Thomas Pollard, born from April 15, 1870 had been preaching about 45 years. He organized Piney Grove Church in Beaufort County in 1896 and served as its pastor at different periods for 14 years.

He died May 3, 1940 at the Martin County Sanatorium of tuberculosis where he had been a patient for nearly two years. Revs. E. L. Abrams and D. W. Alexander conducted the burial service on May 4th, and his remains were placed beside his wife in Parker Chapel Cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

He leaves two children, Mrs. Alonza Harrison and William Pollard, several grand children and a host of friends, who have the sweet assurance of meeting him at God's throne. He headed the list of Central Conference ministers. He is now asleep in Jesus.

J. E. Ingalls

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WATES—May 28th, death came to the home of Brother H. M. and Pattie Waters, and took from them their oldest daughter Hattie I. Waters. She was 37 years old. She leaves a broken hearted father and mother, two brothers, Walter and Ceaton Waters, two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Windley of Pinetown, North Carolina, Mrs. Delmer Jackson of Suffolk, Virginia to mourn their loss with many relatives and friends.

She was a member of Shiloh Church. Hattie as we all called her, was a dutiful girl. Being home with her parents, she looked well to helping them in every way. She will be sadly and badly missed by them, and all near friends.

We sorrow now as those who have no hope. For we feel there is a crown laid up for her. And we should strive to meet her on that beautiful shore where there will be no more parting, but joy forever more.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor Rev. Duffy Toler. Burial was in the family cemetery beneath a mound of flowers, surrounded by a host of relatives and friends.

Written by a friend

Program

North Carolina League Convention,
meeting at Reedy Branch Free
Will Baptist Church, Pitt County,
July 3, 4, 1940.

Theme: All for Jesus.
Theme Song: "All for Jesus"
Scripture: Romans 12: 1, 2.

Tuesday Evening

On Tuesday evening, July 2, at eight o'clock, all members of the Executive Committee, presidents of district league unions, and other officials, will meet at the church for a reception.

Wednesday Morning, July 3

- 10:30—Meditations, Robert Pittman, Jr., Ayden
- 10:45—Address of Welcome, Cleveland Vincent, Jr., Reedy Branch
- Response, Earl Tippet, Middlesex
- 11:00—Special Music
- 11:15—"All for Jesus," Convention Sermon, John Linton, Wake Forest
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:15—Meditations, Carrie Helen Best, Goldsboro
- 1:30—Registration
- 1:45—Getting Acquainted
- 2:00—Business
- 2:45—League Benediction

Wednesday Evening

- 7:45—Meditations, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville
- 8:15—Evangelistic Message, Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham
- 9:00—Closing Hymn.

Thursday Morning, July 4

- 9:30—Meditations, Novine Moore, Micro
- 9:45—Business
- 10:45—Music
- 11:00—Report and Election of Field Secretaries
- 11:15—Inspirational Message, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:15—Meditations, Alice Toler, Ernul
- 1:30—Election of Officers

- 1:45—Report of Committees
 1:55—Presentation of Banners
 Awards
 2:00—Music
 2:10—Demonstration of Ideal
 Sword Drill
 2:30—The Final Words and Ad-
 judgment

- 10:20—General business session
 11:20—Congregational singing—
 led by Rev. E. C. Morris
 11:30—Sermon—by C. J. Harris
 12:00—Lunch hour

Sunday Evening

- 1:15—Song Service
 1:30—Business Continued

- 2:00—Talk—What Can We Do to
 Get More Churches to Rep-
 resent in the Convention?
 by H. S. Swain
 2:10—Special Music—(singers to
 be selected.)
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 2:30—Adjournment
 —Benediction

Program

The following is the program for the Albemarle Union Meeting which convenes with the Church at Free Union, Beaufort County, on June 29, 1940.

Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions, by Oscar Webster
 10:15—Remarks by moderator
 10:20—General Business session
 11:20—Congregational singing
 11:30—Sermon by Rev. M. C.
 Prescott
 12:00—Lunch hour

Saturday Evening

- 1:15—Song Service
 1:30—Continuation of business
 2:00—Duet Mrs. William Webster
 and Miss Mary Webster
 2:05—Miscellaneous business
 2:30—Adjournment
 —Benediction

PROGRAM

The Albemarle League Union meets.

Saturday Night

- 8:00—Business period—Oscar
 Webster in charge
 8:45—Program by the Free Union
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PROGRAM

The following is the program for Albemarle Sunday School Convention which convenes with the church at Free Union, Beaufort County June 30, 1940.

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions led by Alton Paul
 10:15—Remarks by the moderator

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Enthusiastic Educational Tides

By J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas

From various directions demonstrations of great concern for our future program educationally are coming in, and to me this is a desirable symptom.

Reverend John H. Wolfe, Dean of the Correspondence School of the Bible of Pawne City, Nebraska, sends in the price of another of the Butler-Dunn Theology and says, "They are coming in slowly, but if they will only keep coming we shall be glad. I trust that others are sending in larger subscriptions, for we must have that school." You will do well to send your order to Brother Wolfe for your copy of this Theology at once.

Reverend Winford Davis informs me that interest continues to grow in our school in the state of Missouri. He further states that the figures will soon be released, with the cash, in evidence of this growing interest.

Rev. Melvin Bingham writes to say that he has never enjoyed such wonderful co-operation in the state of Oklahoma. Let's listen in to hear the returns from Oklahoma in this June campaign.

From Tennessee communications have reached me which express great concern, and those come from two of our leading ministers in Cumberland and Union Associations of this state, namely, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and Rev. Paul Woolsey.

Brother Blackwelder says in part, "The National Association is not very far away, and I certainly hope that we will have a grand session. There are many things to be considered, one of the greatest of which is a school location. Not that any of the other phases of the work are unimportant, but without necessary training for our leaders and Christian workers the other phases of our work can not go on as they should.

May we be able to realize something definite in the way of a school during the coming session of the Association." You surely are right Bro. Blackwelder, and could we succeed in getting this vision into every one's heart in our connection we could go on to success.

I also wish to pass on some of Bro. Woolsey's suggestions. I quote: "I would like to see both Bible School and Junior College. I know that at first there may be only the Bible School, but plans for the other can be in the making, under a business manager who might also act as Field Manager, and carry the needs from both angles to our people. This official would not need to be, either, scholar nor minister. By this method you could add teachers as they were needed that would meet requirements. Of course I know that it will be impossible to grow into a flourishing institution over night, but small efforts of today should be approached in lights of the greater accomplishments of tomorrow. Our people are demanding action now." Thanks Brother Woolsey. We are in hearty agreement with your suggestions, and we are glad to learn that our people are beginning to demand that something be done now. In fact this is where we have been trying to get them for the past two years, and I am sure now that their interests will begin to be manifest in really sacrificial giving. The trouble heretofore has been that we have wanted, and even demanded, but have been unwilling to make possible our desires and demands, by putting the money where it can be used. We would that all of our ministry would feel free to express themselves as you and Brother Blackwelder have.

We are now where we have wanted to be all the while; that is, with such an high enthusiasm that it will

manifest itself in expressions. We invite you to write us to let us know what you, and the people with whom you work want, and what you are willing to pay for. Sit down right now and write me, and I assure you that whatever matters of importance are brought to my attention will be carefully placed before the board when it meets at Paintsville, Kentucky in July.

In response to my mailing out coin envelopes to most of the pastors in the state of Texas, for their convenience in the June Campaign, I have received many encouraging letters. Many say we are going to work, and some money has already come in. Brother, what are you doing in your state? May we all work faithfully, and unitedly until our National meeting in July. The nature of the report we are able to make shall be determined by the work done on the field.

Where has the man been who said that there had been nothing said of late about our educational work? We have been so very regular, and earnest until we have begun to wonder if our people have developed a feeling that we are dragging them over the coals. If it is greater financial figures the brethren are looking for there is a sure remedy: Take it up with your people and ask them to come forward with the greenback. We shall be happy to make reports of that nature.

Quite a number of those who pledged during 1939 have paid up in full, while others have written saying that they will finish before the Association convenes in July. This is a fine example to all who pledged. Will you respond that this record may be clear in July?

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EDITORIAL

Judging from the abundance of articles which are being received from the various sections of the country for publication in the Baptist, we believe interest is growing all the while among the church people for the paper. This is encouraging to those of us who are connected with the Press. Reports of revivals and other church matters serve as news for our readers, enabling them to learn what is being done in other districts and states. The programs for Bible Institutes, Young People's Camps, Auxiliary Meetings and the like show the plans and purposes of the different church groups in advancing the cause of the denomination. They represent the upward look. Splendid messages, bearing upon the Sunday School work, the orphanage work, education, missions, superannuation, and so on, are constantly coming to the editor's desk to find their places in the columns of the Baptist. It shows that many people are thinking in terms of constructive work for the cause of the church in bringing about a greater work for the glory of God.

Better prepared manuscripts and more careful thinking in the presentation of the same are noticeable all the while. However, there are some poor articles which are submitted for publication. This should be a reminder to some who do not take the time to prepare well what they wish printed. There is an old saying, namely, "Things that are worth doing at all are worth doing well." And this will apply to things that are to go in a church paper. Better the composition and content of the article for the church paper, better will the church paper become. All good church people appreciate a fine church paper. Some manuscripts come in which the editor cannot use for the paper. That is to be regretted, but it is true. This, too, should remind some that if they want their articles printed in the

Baptist, they are to take more time and care in the preparation of their manuscripts. The reading public will agree to this point of view.

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Rev. L. R. Ennis has returned to the Free Will Baptist denomination. He took membership with the Ayden church recently, and was ordained by the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference. We have been informed that he has already had calls from some of our churches to become their pastor for the coming pastoral year.

Brother Ennis has recently moved from Durham, where he has been pastoring for some time one of the Missionary Baptist Churches, to Goldsboro, North Carolina. He left the Free Will Baptist denomination about nine years ago to take membership with the Baptist Church. He still has many good friends in the Free Will Baptist church and is welcomed back by quite a few of his old friends and acquaintances.

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The Home Mission work seems to be progressing in a fine way in some sections of the country. McAdams, Willey, Hollis and others are taking the cause of Christ in various sections, and are carrying the Free Will Baptist doctrine to many people who have never known anything about it. They are succeeding in starting new churches and establishing mission points in other sections. We hope that this good work will continue to grow and that many more places of religious work will be established by some of the leading ministers. People are hungering for the old-time gospel when it is presented in such a way as to lead souls to accept the gospel, and to live clean Christian lives. There is room for many workers in this field of carrying the gospel to different sections of the country. The opportunity is great and the Home Mission

Board should, we believe, do all in its power to further the cause year after year.

The Voice of One

By Rev. L. E. Ballard

(The first religious radio message delivered over station WGTC, of Greenville, N. C., instituting a series of morning devotions sponsored by the Greenville Ministerial Association, June 6, 1940.)

Good morning, to you who constitute the Radio audience of Station WGTC! In the name of the ministers of Greenville I greet you. May God bless you with many blessings. We do earnestly pray that these morning meditations, coming to you through the courtesy of the station, will be numbered in your thoughts as among the special blessings of each day.

We turn now to the third chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew for a text as a scriptural foundation for our meditations. From this verse we read these words: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord." These words are applied to John the Baptist, and as applied they were literally true. For almost four hundred years no voice had been heard in the wilderness of the world, speaking a message by special inspiration of God. Spiritually the world had gone to sleep, and the voice of this rugged preacher of repentance was God's alarm clock to awaken a sleeping world to the morning task of preparing the way of the Lord. His was the one, the only one, voice breaking the silence of the morning of a new age, with the message of a new hope for the world.

I am glad this morning that this text cannot be applied in this same sense. I am glad that my voice is not the one and only voice bringing a message to a needy world. While I speak to you over this new radio station this morning, hundreds of others, as truly called and as truly devoted as I, are speaking over older radio stations, preparing in the hearts of men the way of the Lord.

I am glad that over this station from morning to morning other voices will be speaking to you. I rejoice that the ministers of Greenville can share in this ministry. As these messages come to you morning after morning they will come with the prayer of each of us that each of the other of us will be used of God to bless your day, and if one should prove a greater blessing to you than another, we will all rejoice together as though the one who brought the greater blessing were each of us.

But as I speak to you this morning I am conscious of this truth: the success or failure of any program or undertaking after all depends upon each individual who has a part to perform. So the text is very true today in the sense that each voice that speaks for God in the wilderness of the world is the one voice upon which some part of God's message individually depends. Throughout the hours of this day there will be something that you can say, something that you can do, that no other can say or do with the same effect or result. Mine will be the one voice somewhere to speak some word for God. There is some lonely heart somewhere that you alone can cheer; in some life there are troubled waters that yours is the one voice that can calm. Some mind somewhere is perplexed with a problem for which you have the word of solution. Some act of love and mercy may go forever undone if you fail this day to do it. Is your voice yielded, is your life yielded, for whatever of simple or sublime service the Lord would have of you? A great violinist once went into a museum and stood before a glass case in which rested the sacred violin that had been used by the master of the generation past to soothe the spirit of thousands. As this violinist of a later day looked upon the violin of the master there came in his heart the sweetest strain of music that had ever been there. The music flooded his soul, and instinctively he reached his hand out for the violin before him that he might play upon its

strings that precious music of his heart. But alas, his fingers came to rest against the glass case in which the violin was sealed away, and so the music was never played, and died in his heart. God wants to play some sweet song of love today upon the strings of your life or my life. Shall we keep those lives from him, encased against him by the cares of this world, or shall we yield them to Him?

I am glad that I have one voice to give to Him, one life to use for him. Let us yield ourselves for this purpose today, and

*When the hourse have passed away,
And when the sun has set:
We shall be glad if one dear soul,
That on the road we met,
Shall thank the Lord for one word
We spoke to cheer his way;
Or be less tired because we bore
A bit of his burden today!*

It Isn't the Board, It's You

*It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money is spent,
Or the size of the coin your brother
gives,
Or the help your sister sent
That make our records appear as
they do;
It isn't the system, it's YOU.*

The following report of the National Superannuation treasurer from December 3rd to June 10th is as follows:

North Carolina	\$ 96.63
Virginia	65.84
Tennessee	51.81
Missouri	42.69
Mississippi	32.38
Georgia	26.00
Texas	16.81
Florida	10.89
Alabama	10.46
Kentucky	1.00
Arkansas	9.40

Total	\$363.91
On hand December 1st, 1939	201.25
Interest January 1st, 1940	1.87
Total amount in treasury	\$567.03

As treasurer I want to express the appreciation of the board for every effort put forth by any church or individual to make the above report what it is. There has been splendid co-operation on the part of some individuals who worked with the board in their respective states, while some have disappointed us in failing to report any work done in their states. But we are still hoping to hear from them before our National Association convenes in July at Paintsville, Kentucky.

Will you please make your reports together with the contributions to me by July 10th and avoid handing them in at the association when we are all too busy to change our reports and possibly cause errors to appear. I appeal to you to do this.

If your state does not show up in the above list, why not make up for it now. Meet the National Superannuation board at Paintsville with a co-operative hand shake and claim the honor of being a one-hundred percent backer of our National Denominational program.

Submitted June 10th by
Mrs. J. E. Simpson,
Treasurer

Program

Program for the Union Meeting
Saturday, June 29, 1940.

- 10:00—Devotional led by E. L. Abrams
 - 11:00—Talk by H. T. Sowers on Missions
 - 11:15—Sermon by W. L. Hart
 - 12:00—Lunch hour
 - 1:30—Talk on Foreign Missions by J. W. Wooten
 - 1:45—Talk by Rev. M. E. Tyson on Home Missions
 - 2:00—Discussion on Better Interest of the Union
 - 3:30—Adjournment and benediction by N. L. Gupton
- W. L. Hart,
C. P. Craft,
W. M. Hareison,
Committee

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Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

VANITY

In Scripture the word "vanity" usually means "all life apart from God." However, in instances it means foolish pride. Solomon said, "I have seen all the works that are under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1: 14). The natural and physical is full of perplexities. There is so much sin.

MAN'S WAYS CLEAN TO HIM

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits" (Proverbs 16: 2). Even the blood-thirsty, murderous hearted demon possessed Hitler says "I am not to blame for the war." Old communistic Russia says, "We are not to blame for destroying a part, and taking what we wanted of Finland." In the eyes of the Italians "Italy is not to blame for jumping on France when France is on her knees before a demon possessed army. Every war-lord is justified in his own eyes. The drunkard is usually justified in his own sight for his getting drunk. He will tell you why he did it. All manner of sin is justifiable to those who want to live in it. I think that Solomon knew a great deal about the life of men. Liars claim their right to their profession.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE RIGHT

"There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16: 25). A few times I have traveled for miles when it seemed that I was on the right road to the destination which I desired, to only find that I had gone miles out of my way. So it is with righteousness. We often find that we are off the highway

when we take things for what they seem to be. But we can not get out of the way when we follow what the Bible teaches. When we go as Christ has instructed.

EARL BROWDER'S SPEECH

We heard of the speech of Earl Browder the candidate for the presidency of the Communist party. According to the laws of the United States he is a criminal. But what is crime to a communist when his idea is in conflict with the laws of the United States? Earl says, "We communist do not believe in war." He warned us to stay out of the European conflict. The "We do not believe in war" stuff from the mouth of a Communist is as contrary to truth as the hands of Jacob covered with the skin of a kid, with the hair out, to make poor old Isaac believe a lie. The Communist did not prove that they do not believe in war by walking rough-shod over poor little Finland. The crime of the Communist—the war with Finland—will go down on the pages of history as one of the most unjustified robberies of a strong nation against a weak one. Earl Browder's speech is contrary to the actions of communism in the old world. Even though he is a criminal he has followers who had rather have him for President of the United States than to have the most God-loving, God-serving Christian to be found.

P. S. Now do not get the idea that I believe in war. I am against war. I would have no more wars.



In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.—Colossians 1: 14.

*Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his
blood?*

*But our Jesus died to have us
Reconciled in him to God:*

*This was boundless love indeed,
Jesus is a friend in need.*

Defense of the Free Will Baptist

Clyde C. Flannery

Dear Readers, why are you a Free Will Baptist? Is it because there isn't any other denomination in your community or is it because your relatives belong to it? I am afraid this is the reason in the case of some preachers. My county is filled with Free Will Baptist preachers, who don't know what the doctrine of their denomination is. In this case, I have found that they fight education, foreign missions, and practically every thing that our wonderful denomination stands for. Recently one of these preachers took his sermon on me just because I was defending education, foreign missions, and tithing.

I am persuaded to believe that God has never called a man to preach his Word, that will fight the very means whereby he is able to convey his thought to the people—education. The very preacher that said he wouldn't preach Free Will Baptistism is the pastor of four churches and only two of those churches use our literature in their Sunday School. The ones that use our literature began before this so-called preacher became their pastor, or otherwise they might not be using it at present.

I have been told by several preachers that they wouldn't preach Free Will Baptist doctrine but the Word of God. Brother the reason I am a Free Will Baptist is because I believe it is the doctrine of the Bible. If I didn't I would have joined a church of some other denomination. When I preach or teach our doctrine, I earnestly believe it is what God wants me to preach. If I ever get tired of the Free Will Baptist Church and come to the time that I won't preach the Bible as we see it, I will be sport enough to hand my credentials in and go where I believe the Bible is taught and practiced.

This might not sound so good to some people, but if you are a Baptist be a good one, if you are

a Holiness be a good Holiness. Brother, if there ever is a person that I believe the mass of the people hate, he is a man or woman that is a traitor to his country, his church, or his organization of any kind. We have too many people who like to see the other fellow do all the fighting and them get the praise.

I am practically by myself in my conference when it comes to defending the National Association. We have preachers who will get in the pulpit and tell the people that there isn't anything to the National Association. I can't understand why they are in the Free Will Baptist Church or even why they want to belong to an organization that they don't believe in.

I just hope I haven't offended too many of our people, but if I have, just write me a letter and I will come over and hold you a revival. Maybe you can get adjusted after a week or two.

Letter from Georgia

Dear Readers:

I have been thinking for some time I would write and this being my first attempt to contact our readers through the Baptist will try to be brief.

In May 15th issue of the Baptist Rev. K. V. Shutes brings us news from Georgia and it is about some of the things he mentioned that I want to talk to you about.

Last fall Brother Shutes had the opportunity to go on the air on another preacher's program. After that time he began talking about a Free Will Baptist program (and when he went on the air he called it the Faith program.)

And it was by faith the program went over.

Brother Shutes standing as he does for a full church program has helped the work in Georgia. Frankly, we will never know just how much. There have a great number of folks talked to me about that faith program. Some of them had never

heard a Free Will Baptist preach before.

I know he has helped my individual work. I am serving two churches here in Union Association that he has and will mean much in breaking down the opposition in the advancement of our work.

Having the contact with Brother Shutes that I have had since he came to Thomasville, I am frank to say I do not think he was boasting in his address to you. He is proud of what he has done and justly so. Brother and Sister Shutes have made a great sacrifice to do this work, but the Bible tells us without a sacrifice there is no blessing.

Now about the Pelham, Georgia meeting he mentioned. I am proud we are able to report to you this fact. We are organizing a church there now. Now about Sister Shutes. I don't think Brother Shutes stands higher or bigger for a greater advancement than she does. She has in a remarkable way helped to lead our auxiliary work to a higher plane. She very much strengthened this work by several broadcasts on the Faith program.

Again we just praise the Lord for sending them our way.

Sincerely,

C. J. Harvey

Notice

Every Sunday School in the Second Union Meeting District of the Central Conference, North Carolina is urged to send a delegate with as much contributions as the Lord leads you to send to our second quarterly Sunday School convention which meets the 5th Sunday in June (June 30th) which meets with Hickory Grove Church, located near Whitehurst Station a few miles from Bethel. If going by Greenville—Bethel highway for approximately 10 miles then turn right near a large brick home and Gurganus stables located on the right of the State highway. The church is about 5 miles on this dirt road on the right hand side.

We had 27 Sunday Schools in our first union S. S. Convention organized Cedar Grove Church three months ago. There were 8 Sunday Schools represented with \$13.06 contributions. That was fine for a beginning but let's not be satisfied with less than 100 percent from now on.

The program committee are planning an interesting program for us on Sunday. If your secretary does not get a report blank, be sure to send your delegate with contribution anyway.

Yours for better Christian Service,

Bro. T. E. Skinner, *President*,
Elizabeth Warren, *Secretary*

News from Mt. Olive Church

Beaufort County, N. C. This is to inform the readers of the Baptist that recently there has been a very good meeting at this church which was held by the Rev. L. H. Wetherington. Everybody at this church seems to think fine both of Brother Wetherington and his preaching. He sure did some real good preaching, and there was 18 that joined the church, and Sunday afternoon May 26 we all met on the beautiful shore of the Pamlico River where six of those that had joined were baptised. There was a very large crowd of people at the baptism. The Rev. J. P. Woodard of Pamlico County was with us at the Baptism and he also took part in the service, and we were all glad to have Brother Woodard with us, and on Sunday Night we all met at the church and Brother Wetherington preached and at the close of the service the new members were received in the church by the laying on of hands and prayer. It was a very good meeting.

Pray for us,

A. C. Austin

The Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.—Deuteronomy 32: 9.

Shall We Organize Our Sunday School Work

By WILLIAM E. COVILLE, Chairman,
National Sunday School Board

Even before last July, when I was elected Chairman of the National Sunday School Board I had a vision of a great and well organized Sunday School system. During the years in which I have been actively engaged in the Sunday school work, I have been impressed time and time again of our need of a better organization. Christians band themselves together as a denomination to accomplish co-operatively that which cannot be done separately. This is the work of the churches; it is their first and greatest organization. Is it not just as essential that the Sunday schools band themselves together if they are to reach the zenith in efficiency in their line of Christian work? I believe it is, and because I believe it is, I have prayed and planned and worked and studied to that end.

I am hoping that our Sunday school workers have been studying the proposed Standard for our Sunday schools and I hope that they will likewise study the proposed Constitution and By-laws for a National Sunday School Convention which is herewith presented.

Constitution and By-laws of the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Constitution

PREAMBLE: In order to encourage and inspire the Sunday schools of the Free Will Baptist denomination to engage in a definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to co-ordinate their efforts for a more successful plan of teaching God's word, we, a representative body of Sunday school workers, do hereby organize the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE I.

Name

This organization shall be known

as the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II.

Object

Section 1. The object of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of Sunday School betterments throughout the churches of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

Section 2. Sunday school betterments shall include: A more definite objective, uniformity of system, a fraternal interchange of ideas, and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

ARTICLE III.

Membership

The members of this convention shall be the members of the National Sunday School Board, the General Officers of the convention, Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing, and delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization which they represent. It shall be the business of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV.

Representation

State Conventions shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. District Conventions shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and each Sunday School shall be entitled to one (1) delegate. All delegates to be elected or appointed from the laity.

ARTICLE V.

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and the members of the National Sunday School Board.

Section 2. All officers, members of the National Board excepted, shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session of the convention.

ARTICLE VI.

Boards

The Executive Board shall be composed of the General Officers, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

This convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the convention while in regular session.

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ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

The constitution of this convention may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Duties of General Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, appoint temporary committees, call the members of the Executive Board together when necessary, and perform the other duties usually devolving upon such an officer.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of convention or Executive Board, edit the minutes, notify officers of their election, and act as assistant to the chairman of Organization.

Section 4. Assistant Secretary: The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary at all meetings of the convention and Executive Board and shall act as assistant to the Chairman of Publicity.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all con-

vention funds. Expenditures shall be made only upon authorization by the convention when in session or by direction of the Executive Board. All orders on the treasury for disbursements must bear the signature of the President. The Treasurer shall make an itemized written report to the convention annually. All treasury records are the property of the convention and shall be audited by the Executive Board at its direction.

Section 6. National Board: Each member of the National Board shall have oversight and act as director of at least one of the following departments: Records and Reports, Convention Organization, Literature, Finance, and Publicity.

ARTICLE II.

Dues

Section 1. Each Sunday school, either directly or indirectly affiliated with the National Convention, shall send to the National Treasurer the sum of one dollar (\$.100) per month.

Section 2. Regular payment of dues together with a letter of authorization and a report of the condition of the work shall constitute the necessary credentials of the representatives.

ARTICLE III.

Expenses

Expenses of the General Officers to all official regular or call meetings shall be paid from the National Treasury. All other expenditures shall be made in accordance with Article I, Section 5 of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV.

Reports

The Secretary shall prepare and submit a written report of special or call meetings of the convention or Executive Board to the National Association at each regular session.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

F. W. B. Meets at Oak Grove, Sampson

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original F. W. B. will convene with the church at Oak Grove, Sampson County, June 29, 1940; at 9:30 o'clock.

Rev. H. R. Faircloth will preach the Introductory Sermon.

President: Rev. M. L. Johnson,
Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 3

Secretary: Ruth M. Warren,
Newton Grove, N. C.

Treas.: Mrs. Warren Jackson,
Dunn, N. C.

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For Use by Pastors, Evangelists, Church Visitors, Etc.

Enlistment, survey, visitation and other phases of church work call for form cards too expensive to order in small quantities from the local printer.

In our desire to be of the greatest possible service, we present the beginnings of a new **Standard Line** of service cards for church work. We solicit the co-operation of pastors, evangelists and church workers everywhere in amplifying our list to meet all general needs. Size of cards, 3 x 5 inches.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CARD	
Name	Date
Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preaching <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office
Formerly member of the _____ Church	
Have you been baptized?	
Name of the church _____ Date of baptism _____ Place of baptism _____	
927	

No. 927—Membership Information Card. To be filled out by applicant for church membership; gives accurate data for pastor's information and church clerk's record.

INDIVIDUAL ENLISTMENT CARD	
I hereby certify that the work of the church is the work of the church. I will do my best to see that the church is the church of the church.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preaching <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office
Name	Date
Address	Place
Name of the church _____ Date of baptism _____ Place of baptism _____	
928	

No. 928—Individual Enlistment Card. Secures volunteers for service in every department of church work. Fine for use at close of revival or on "Enlistment Day."

CHURCH VISITOR'S CARD		HINTS	
Name	Place	1. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Address		2. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Home telephone	Place	3. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Information received		4. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Date of visitation		5. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Name of the church		6. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Date of baptism		7. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
Place of baptism		8. Do not call on a sick person unless you are sure he is not a member of the church.	
929			

No. 929—Church Visitor's Card. For use in making assignments for and reports of church calls of all kinds. Helpful hints to callers on each card.

FOR THE PASTOR'S INFORMATION	
As we have visited to tonight:	
Name	Place
Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preaching <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office
Name	Date
Address	Place
Name of the church _____ Date of baptism _____ Place of baptism _____	
930	

No. 930—Pastor's Information Card. Can be used by church members in giving information to pastor about new prospects or indifferent church members; or by pastor in making assignments for calls.

PASTOR'S CALLING RECORD	
Name	Address
Home telephone	
Information received	
Date of visitation	
Name of the church	
Date of baptism	
Place of baptism	
931	

No. 931—Pastor's Calling Record. Provides case record of each individual or family call made during year and space for name, address, phone, relatives, membership, dates of calls, etc.

My Prayer List	
I write your name for the service in the following of the following names:	
Name	Place
Address	
Home telephone	
Information received	
Date of visitation	
Name of the church	
Date of baptism	
Place of baptism	
932	

No. 932—Prayer List. Volunteer pledge card enlisting prayer for individual prospects in a revival. May be adapted for use in many other ways.

My Prayer List	
I write your name for the service in the following of the following names:	
Name	Place
Address	
Home telephone	
Information received	
Date of visitation	
Name of the church	
Date of baptism	
Place of baptism	
932	

Price of cards, 75c. each 100; \$3.00 each 500

Book of Baptismal Certificates No. 440

Fifty certificates, bound in check-book form, with perforated stub for keeping a record of each certificate. Size, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches. Certificates are unusually attractive, lithographed in four colors, reproducing a painting of the river Jordan. Price of book, \$1.00.



Enthusiastic Educational Tides

(Continued from page three)

The following is a financial statement of money received by states:

Arkansas	\$ 7.00
Alabama	38.25
Florida	18.00
Georgia	134.66
California	1.00
Kansas	4.00
Mississippi	10.00
Missouri	300.45
Nebraska	22.75
North Carolina	748.88
New Mexico	15.00
South Carolina	36.00
Texas	616.13
Tennessee	528.20
Oklahoma	92.16
Virginia	100.00

Total by states	\$2,671.48
Offering at National Association, 1939	198.35
Educational fund from Co-operative Association	105.54
Special offering by ministers	28.00
Grand Total	\$3,003.37

Fourth Union

The Ministers and delegates composing the Union of the Fourth District met with Antioch Church, Wayne County, March 30, 1940.

Devotional services led by Rev. L. B. Manning. The Union was called to order by the Moderator and the following committees appointed:

Finance: J. S. Joyner, D. E. Everett, Ralph Stokes.

Temperance: L. B. Manning and Sisters Lane and Wade.

Sabbath School: C. D. Hamilton, J. B. Eason, J. H. Craft.

Devotional: Sisters Smith, Park, Edmundson.

Program: W. M. Hardison, W. L. Hart, C. P. Craft.

Orphanage: Sisters Bell, Gardner, Cobb.

On motion we invite the visiting Brothers and Sisters to seats with

us. Visitors: Sisters Ralph Stokes, Eula Aycock.

List of churches called and responded as follows:

Antioch, Frank Edmundson	\$3.50
Walnut Creek, Sisters Lane and Wade	1.80
Watery Branch, J. S. Jones and Daughter	2.00
Free Union, W. M. Hardison and Wife	3.00
Friendship, K. Z. Cobb and Wife	3.00
Harrell's Chapel, T. E. Ham, C. P. Craft	3.20
Spring Branch, J. H. Ard and C. P. Craft	2.50
Harrell's Chapel	2.50
Saratoga, J. B. Eason, Edna Ellis	2.00
Aspin Grove, Ben Gardner and Wife	2.00
Owen's Chapel, D. E. Everett and Wife	2.80
Daniel's Chapel, Cecil Pittman and Wife	2.00
Ottis Creek, Sisters Owens and Bell	1.60
Edgewood, J. T. Abrams, Ralph Stokes	3.00
Dilda Grove, (not represented)	
Blands Chapel (not represented)	
LaGrange, Mrs. R. F. Holland and T. E. Aycock	3.45
Howell Swamp (not represented)	
Riverside, W. F. Newell	2.00
Total	\$37.85

Roll Call of Ministers

W. L. Hart, P. C. Wiggs, L. B. Manning, E. L. Abrams, N. L. Gup-ton, present; N. D. Beaman, J. W. Wooten, H. T. Sowers, M. E. Tyson, absent.

Licensed present: W. F. Newell, C. D. Hamilton.

Rev. Hart reported that Rev. Sowers, said that he would try to be present at this union but his way of travel was bad but his Christian character was good.

On motion we receive Rev. Hart's report.

On motion we call off for preaching and dinner, Rev. M. E. Tyson who was to preach the introductory

was not present and Rev. L. B. Manning his alternate preached.

Text: John 11: 28.

Afternoon

Devotional by Rev. W. L. Hart.
Special song by home church.
Treasurer reports on hand from last union \$ 1.42
Received at this union 37.85

Total	\$39.27
Paid Clerk and Printing Press	\$ 6.00
Paid adopted child	12.50
Paid to Edgewood Church	10.00
Brought forward	\$28.50
To balance on hand	\$10.77

An offering was taken for the orphanage amounting to \$7.89.

Temperance report by Rev. L. B. Manning.

Sabbath School report written but lost.

Devotional reports Rev Wiggs preach tonight.

On motion the committees' reports be received.

Rev. Manning brought us a good message on the Orphanage.

Petitions for the next union was considered and it was voted to convene with Ottis Creek Church Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in June 1940. Rev. Hart is to preach introductory, Rev. Abrams on his failure.

On motion we extend the good people of Antioch Church a vote of thanks for their generous hospitality shown us during the sitting of this Union.

On motion we close until next time in course. Praise and Prayer by Rev. Hart.

Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Mod.,
R. R. Bailey,

Clerk and Treas.

Why should I complain
Of want or distress,
Temptation or pain?

He told me no less;
The heirs of salvation,
I know from his word,
Through much tribulation
Must follow their Lord.

Zion Bible School

Blakely, Georgia

(ANNOUNCEMENT)

Eleventh session is planned to open on Monday, September 30, 1940. Zion Bible School of the Free Will Baptists of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama Tri-State section, offers its services to young men and women who desire Christian education for service in the Kingdom of Christ. Courses are offered in Bible, Church Extension, Missionary and Young People's activities, and other branches of learning, mainly: Bible Studies, English, Literature, Pedagogy, and Christian Education.

Cost of school is in reach of any who so wills to come and has the faith to try. Board can be secured for about \$12 per month. Books and other necessary items should not exceed \$40 for the school year. The aim of the school is to give the best for the least possible.

For further information address the principal,

T. B. Mellette
Blakely, Georgia

Daily Vacation Bible School Closes

The Annual Vacation B. S. of the Union Grove Church closed Friday night, May 24, with a short program consisting of the important points of work that had been accomplished during the two weeks.

Under the direction of Miss Louise Edgerton, assisted by Mrs. Sallie Henderson, the various departments and their teachers were Mrs. Bagley Morris, with Miss Lucile Moye, assistant; Beginners, Mrs. Alton Holand, with Mrs. Ralph Edgerton, assistant Primary; Miss Billie Edgerton, Juniors; Mrs. F. A. Morris, Intermediates; Miss Helen Pittman, Secretary-Treasurer.

The enrollment for this year was sixty-seven with an average attendance of fifty-eight. The interest shown by parents and children was greatly appreciated by the director

and her helpers. It is hoped that the interest and co-operation will carry over and there will be a larger and more successful Bible School next year.

Louise Edgerton

Representation in Our National Association

Inasmuch as all state bodies are to be represented by the laity of the church in our National Association in July, it is important for all state officials to check up and see if your arrangements are properly made.

Too, in as much as ministers are not supposed to represent the various bodies, as each minister is to represent himself, hence he can not expect any body to assist him in paying his expenses to the Association; and inasmuch as each minister in all our connection should attend this meeting, it would be a marvelous thing should the church, or churches, where each pastor works see to it that your pastor is financially able to get to and from this all important meeting.

J. R. Davidson

The Rugged Pathway

Our Saviour marked the pathway to glory with thorn-pierced brow and nail-scarred feet,
That gives us assurance that we again may meet.
From the Bible you can most surely find the story
How He tread the road carrying that awful load.

The cross which only one man could bear,
To finish the plan of salvation that we might share
Life everlasting if only we could believe.
Then, true friends, believe with that faith
Which conquered death and the grave.

If weary and heavy laden with your load,

Remember that beneath His wings of love thou may abide;
God will take care of you.
Why do you tarry, why linger so long?
Believe on the Saviour and He will help you along.

Never think the victory won, nor lay thy armor down,
The work of faith will not be done.
'Till you obtain the crown.
Mrs. Flaudie Stewart,
Erwin, N. C.

Free Union Leagues Give Special Program

On Saturday night, May 25, 1940 the Free Union Leaguers gave a very impressive program to a large audience.

The program is something like this:
Devotional Period led by Alton Paul.
Scripture Lesson—Miss Alice Webster.

Prayer—Miss Lonville Webster.
Poem—Welcome—Elva Mae Keech.
Song—"We'll Boost Our Leagues"—All

Solo—"Whisper a Prayer"—Jean F. Webster.

Poem—"Our League," Sallie H. Keech.

Solo—"Alone," Miss Mary Webster.
Play—"The Kingdom of God First." (Characters: Hattie Mae Windley, Ethel I Windley, Clara Hardison, Nellie Mae Keech, J. I. Keech, Billy Pipkin, and James Henry Broddy)

The poems and play were all written by the Director, Alton Paul.

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.
—Luke 13: 7-9.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
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Jonah: The Outreach of God's Love

(Lesson for June 30)

Lesson: Jonah 3: 1-10; 4: 10, 11.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Salvation is of the Lord*" (Jonah 2: 9).

The central thought of this lesson is not that of true repentance and its happy results, but of God's great love for the heathen. In no Book of the Old Testament is the all-embracing love of God, which has no respect for person or nation, but is moved to mercy on all who truly repent, so beautifully and impressively revealed. God's love to the Gentiles shines brightly and clearly throughout the pages of this brief prophecy. Jonah was typical of the Jewish nation which was more concerned about its own deliverance and judgment upon its enemies than that nations should come to know and seek the Lord. The Prophet's concern was that Nineveh should be destroyed (Jonah 4: 1, 2). God's concern was that it should repent that He might spare it (vs. 11). God loves the world. All are dear to Him whether Jew or Gentile. In His great act of sacrificial love in the gift of His beloved Son (John 3: 16), He embraced the whole world. Unlike Jonah, God does not desire the death of any sinner (Ezekiel 18: 32; 33: 11; 1 Timothy 2: 4, 6; 2 Peter 3: 9). Heathen nations are ignorant of God's love revealed in Christ as some angry spirit who needs to be constantly favored with their sacrifices. What a great and glorious privilege is ours! We are to tell those in darkness the good news of God's love for all mankind and His yearning that all may turn unto Him and live. It is the glory of the Gospel that shows that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10: 34; it knows nothing of the racial exclu-

sive spirit of Jonah, it makes "all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3: 28).

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

Jonah seems to have been the earliest of the writing Prophets and to have followed closely upon Elisha; for he had predicted that Hazael the king of Syria, whom Elisha anointed for that office, would afflict Israel and take away much of her territory (2 King 14: 25; 8: 12; 10: 32). But in our lesson we see him in the incident for which he is best known, namely, his preaching in the city of Nineveh.

1. *The Preacher* (Jonah 3: 1). This was Jonah's second call to the same service. The first time he had been disobedient and attempted to go far away from the place to which he was sent (1: 3). God halted him by a storm, as a result of which Jonah was cast into the sea and swallowed by a prepared great fish. He repented and prayed, and was cast up on land again. And now the Lord recommissioned him to the task from which he had attempted to flee. So far as salvation is concerned there is no second chance after death, but so far as this life is concerned the Lord often gives His disobedient servants another chance to serve Him. But no one should presume upon this. When the Lord calls us for any kind of work the only thing for us to do is to obey.

No doubt Jonah thought he had good reasons for not obeying. Nineveh was a wicked city and he feared that it would be spared and conquer his own people (Jonah 4: 2). He loved his country and his people, and he hated the idolatry of the heathen. He had no sympathy with God's plan to save a Gentile nation, especially such a nation as Assyria.

2. *The Preaching* (Jonah 3: 2-4). Jonah was not allowed to choose the message which he was to bring to this nation. It was a message that God had given him. No preacher sent of God ever has a right to choose to preach what will be pleasing to him or to the people to whom

he preaches; it is his business to get his message from God and to deliver that. This time Jonah was obedient and went.

The city of Nineveh was a great city. It was the capital of the Assyrian Empire, and one of the oldest and strongest, as well as one of the largest cities of that day. It had been founded by Nimrod (Genesis 10: 11) in the early days, and was now a city with a circumference of ninety miles, and covered an area of sixty square miles. Its walls are said to have been 100 feet high and wide enough for three chariots to ride abreast. There were 1500 towers in the walls with a height of a hundred feet. It had a population of at least 600,000, perhaps more than a million. It might be termed a "garden city," for it enclosed gardens and pastures, providing food for both man and beast within its walls.

3. *The Penitence* (Jonah 3: 5-10). God had not given any promises, but it seems the Ninevites knew of the mercy of the God of Israel. They hoped that their repentance might move Him to spare the city. And their hope was not in vain. God does not condone evil. If men expect mercy from God while they continue in sin they will find that they are mistaken; but if they turn to Him in confession of sin and in repentance He has promised to forgive.

The city of Nineveh was given a respite. God did not destroy it at that time; but He did destroy it in later years as is foretold in the prophecy of Nahum. Nahum prophesied about one hundred years after Jonah, and Nineveh fell about one hundred years after Nahum's prophecy. —J. C. T.

II. HOME WORK

1. What prophetic message, had Jonah delivered in the land of Israel? 2 Kings 14: 25).
2. Who built the original city of Nineveh? (Genesis 10: 11, A. S. V.).
3. What reason does God give for

the final destruction of this great city? (Nah. 1: 14).

4. How complete was the destruction of Nineveh? (Zephaniah 2: 13-15).

5. Upon what people does a greater condemnation rest than upon the men of Nineveh, according to the words of Jesus? (Matt. 12: 38-41).

6. Of what great historical fact is the experience of Jonah in the great fish a type? (Matthew 12:40).

7. Read the entire Book of Jonah this week. Then study the helpful comments in our quarterlies. Explain to children that Jonah 4: 11 refers to small children who were not old enough to tell the right hand from the left. Only infants and idiots could come under this classification.

Now for the suggestion: Let every Union Meeting back east, and every Quarterly Meeting out west, plan to make some financial appropriation for our National Educational Program in our District Meetings, which are to convene the last of this month. This will prove to be a great stimulus, and will increase the size of our financial figures, which are to be at the National Association in July. May we be of one mind, and move in concerted effort in this great cause?

Rev. J. R. Davidson,
Bryan, Texas

Program

The following is the Union Meeting program for Sunday at Otter's Creek on fifth Sunday in June for the fourth union.

Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions led by Rev. L. B. Manning
—Address of Welcome by Mrs. Lamb Owens
—Response by Mrs. Fannie Sasser

11:15—Song and collection taken for Orphanage
—Sermon—Rev. W. A. Dail
—Appointment of program and finance committees

12:00—Dismissal for lunch

Sunday Afternoon

1:20—Devotion led by Clifton Gardner
—Business session
Program by the Ladies Aid of LaGrange
Mrs. J. C. Cobb, Chn.,
Mrs. R. R. Baker,
Mrs. J. S. Jones

Notice

I am in position to hold some revivals this summer, if any church or pastor would like my services please write me at Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3.

Rev. C. H. Coats

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Fri., June 7	Union Chapel	Beaufort
Sat., June 8	Shiloh	Beaufort
Mon., June 10	Free Union	Beaufort
Tues., June 11	Sidney	Beaufort
Wed., June 12	Belhaven	Beaufort
Thur., June 13	Union Grove	Beaufort
Fri., June 14	Union Chapel	Washington
Sat., June 15	Corinth	Martin
Mon., June 17	Mt. Tabor	Washington
Tues., June 18	Soundside	Tyrrell
Wed., June 19	Gum Neck	Tyrrell
Thur., June 20	Milachi's Chap.	Tyrrell
Fri., June 21	Rose of Sharon	Martin
Sat., June 22	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
Mon., June 24	Oak Grove	Craven
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Thur., June 27	Macedonia	Craven
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Boys and Girls Corner

A Strange Children's Day

"Clickety, click, clickety click," and round, round and round went the wheels of the train. Betty and mother were on the train—and it was Children's Day! At that very minute the children at home were marching down the long aisle of the church under the arches of flowers that the older boys and girls held. But mother and Betty had left early that morning to go to grandmother, who was very ill. How strange it seemed to be watching from the car window the boys and girls and men and women on their way to church and Bible school, instead of being in the bright, flower-trimmed church hearing stories about the heavenly Father's children who live in our land and many other lands all over the world.

By and by they had to get off of the train and wait two hours in the great waiting-room of a city station. There were busy people hurrying about, other people waiting for their trains, tired little children and cry-babies. "I guess they don't know it's Children's Day," said Betty. "I guess some of them don't know that Jesus loves all the children whether they are in Sunday school or on a train or in a depot."

Two or three of the children drew near to look at the doll Betty had with her, and before they quite knew what had happened, mother was telling a story. Soon more children and some of their mothers were listening as mother told the story of the day when Jesus stopped all His work to take the little children in His arms and bless them. Then she told of the glad day when they ran along the streets throwing flowers and palm branches before Jesus and singing songs of praise to Him.

"Why, we're having a real Children's Day," cried Betty, and when they sang, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old" many people stopped to listen.

"Does the heavenly Father know we are having a Children's Day?" asked a little boy.

"Oh, yes," said mother. "We can not see Him, but He is here in this busy station, loving us and taking care of us. And by and by when we go to the beautiful heavenly home where He lives, we shall all see Him. He tells us this in the Bible."

"Do you suppose grandmother is going now to live with Jesus in the heavenly home?" asked Betty suddenly.

"That we do not know," said mother. "But if she does, she will be well and safe and happy we know."

"All aboard for Chicago," called the trainman.

Mother and Betty had to gather up their things and go to their train, but the children called "Good-by, good-by, thank you for the stories. We've had a lovely Children's Day."

"So have we," called Betty. And when they reached grandmother's and found that she was ever so much better, that was the best of all.

John 14: 19b: "Because I live ye shall live also."

No Intermediate Sword Drill

The regular Intermediate Sword Drill will be omitted at the State League Convention in July.

Of interest, however, to all intermediates, will be the Sword Drill Demonstration on the 4th, given by Miss Elizabeth Batten and Woodrow Batten. Miss Batten was the 1940 district and regional winner in the Ridgecrest B. Y. P. U. Sword Drill, while Woodrow received honorable mention in the Southwide Sword Drill.

These two young persons will show the Intermediates some new ideas for the Drill. Next year, we will resume our work, basing our drills on what we learn at this convention.

Yours for better drills,
Mrs. Clarence Bowen,
Sword Drill Director

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

WILEY—The friends of Willie Wiley Damascus, Georgia will regret to learn of his death on Monday February 19 1940, at the age of 74.

The funeral services were held at the Free Will Baptist Church in Damascus of which he was a member and deacon, on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, with his pastor Rev. Harris Harvey in charge assisted by his former pastor and close friend Rev. W. T. Wiley. Interment was in Cross Roads Cemetery, where his Masonic brethren had charge.

Brother Wiley was called Home after only a few days in bed, although he had been in a declining state of health for several months. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Eula Lane; one son, L. W. Wiley, Sr. of Damascus; four daughters, Mrs. Christine Cheshire, and Mrs. E. C. McDowell, of Damascus; Mrs. W. C. Christoph, of Hogsansville, Ga., and Mrs. A. H. Lannier, Blakely, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Nannie Wade, Damascus, Ga. and twenty one grand children and three great grand children.

Brother Wiley became a Christian in the early age of fifteen, and was made deacon within just a few years. He has been throughout the intervening years. He served his church faithfully as was one who was always willing, always ready to do with his talents, his time, his money and his prayers. His efforts extended beyond his home church into his association, his state, and throughout the entire scope of his denomination.

Likewise, Brother Wiley was widely known and respected in political and business circles, having been at one period on of his county's commissioners. His passing leaves a host of friends and loved one in sadness over his departure, but in gladness over the thought that he has reached his promised rest.

Written by
H. G. Harvey

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On February 14, 1940, Marvin Thomas passed from this world of suffering and temptation, to his eternal reward.

We can say of a truth that when the Master called, "come ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," he was most anxious and ready to go.

In his departure to be with Jesus we can only say that the Sunday School

church and community have lost a most faithful member and friend.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we the committee of Beaulville Free Will Baptist Church express to the family our deepest sympathy, and we can only point them to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well;

Second, That in the passing of Brother Thomas who so beautifully lived the simple Christian life, the Church Sunday school, and community have lost a most faithful member, but we know that he is resting with Jesus and we can only say

In the hushed silence of the early morning hour of December 17, 1939, the spirit of our dearly beloved brother, Rev. S. H. Styron, heard the heavenly call, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord"; then quietly and peacefully it winged its sacred flight to the celestial realms of heaven.

We, the Pine Level Church, Sunday School, and Ladies Aid Society, realize most keenly what the passing of Brother Styron means to us; therefore, we wish to submit the following as a tribute of love, highest esteem and greatest respect for him.

First, that we bow humbly to the righteous will of our heavenly father and realize that our church has lost a most consecrated pastor, our Sunday School an inspiring teacher and leader, and our Ladies Aid Society a superlative co-worker for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The memory of one who so nobly filled his calling in the pulpit bringing a message of inspiration to Christians, giving words of warning and advice to the unsaved, sympathy and comfort to those in distress—will be cherished through the ages and generations to come. It may be truly said that he went about doing good and many were led to a soul saving belief in the Lord Jesus Christ by his forceful preaching of God's holy word. His greatest desire was to serve God and to help his fellow-man. May we strive to so pattern our lives after his example of devotion to the church and every Christian service that his life may be seen to live again as he so often said, a thousand-fold.

Second, that we invoke God's richest blessings upon the sorrowing family and extend to them our heart-felt sympathy in their lonely hours. By our deeds of kindness and words of love may we encourage them to look forward to the time when we shall meet again with our loved one in that beautiful city whose builder and keeper is God.

Third, that a copy of this tribute be sent to the family; a copy to the Baptist for publication; and a copy be placed in our Church and other Auxiliary records.

Signed:

Mrs. B. L. Godwin,
Mrs. Reuben A. Creech,
Mrs. E. L. Pilkington,
Mr. H. R. Gerald,
Mr. E. L. Pilkington,
*Appointed Committee representing
Church, Sunday School, and
Ladies Aid Society.*



REV. S. H. STYRON

to his many friends and relatives who are left behind like David of old, we cannot bring him back but we can live so close to Jesus that when Life's little day is over we can join him on the celestial shore; and no more good byes but joy forever more.

Third that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the press for publication, and a copy be recorded in our church minutes.

Mrs. S. A. Smith,
Eugene Exum,
Boy Jones, (Committee)

TOLER—On April 15, 1940, Sister Bertha Toler, age 42, grand daughter of Elder Isaac Pipkin, departed this life. She leaves to mourn her loss a devoted husband, Charlie H. Toler, an aged father, Charles Pipkin, and four sisters.

She was one of the most active members of New Haven church. Her funeral was conducted at St. Mary's Church, New Bern, by Rev. M. C. Prescott and W. B. Everett. Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

We the members of New Haven submit the following resolutions: First, that, though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission, and due recognition to His Holy Will in calling the spirit of our sister to be with Him.

Second, we extend to her family our deepest sympathy and assure them of God's Consolation by placing their trust in Him.

Lena A. Toler,
Celia Toler,
Pennie Stille (Committee)

Sunday School Convention Program

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union Meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference will convene with Hickory Grove Church in Pitt County, Sunday, June 30, with the following program:

Morning

- 10:00—Devotions by D. W. Alexander
- 10:15—Registration, roll call of schools and collection of fees
- 11:00—Congregational singing, special music and prayer arranged by James Ray Pittman
- 11:15—Sermon by L. E. Ballard
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions by Robert F. Pittman, Jr.
- 1:10—Program by Parkers Chapel Sunday School
- 1:35—Reports on Sunday School activities
- 2:15—Miscellaneous
- 2:30—Closing remarks and adjournment by Jessie R. Brewer

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vanity, and seek after leasing [falschood]?
Se'-lah.

Fa. 12:2; 31:6, 13; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord;
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent
[come before] thee.
Fa. 8:3; 119:147.

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MY BARK may be tossed by the tempest
That sweeps o'er the turbulent sea —
A rainbow illumines the darkness:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

O LORD, I would press on with courage,
Though rugged the pathway may be,
Sustained and upheld by the promise:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

SOON, soon will the warfare be over,
My Lord face to face I shall see,
And prove, as I dwell in His presence:
"His grace was sufficient for me."

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Friends of Christ

By Rev. Willet L. Moretz

(Radio Message by Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Swamanoa, N. C., State Secretary-Treasurer, Foreign Mission Department, the N. C. State Free Will Baptist Association, over WFTC, May 9, 1940 at 8:30 a. m.)

You will find my text this morning in the fifteenth chapter of John's Gospel and the fourteenth verse, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." There are two things which immediately present themselves to us in this text, namely: first, friendship with Christ, and second the condition of this friendship with Christ.

Friendship is a delightful subject. In days of joy, who has not taken pleasure in sharing his joyous emotions with a friend? Who, in the hour of sorrow, has not lightened his grief stricken heart by telling his story of sadness to a friend? Again, who amid the storms of adversity, has not listened for the voice of a sympathizing friend to cheer and comfort his aching heart? So we see friendship increases joy and diminishes sorrow.

It is well for the happiness of us mortals that there is such a thing as friendship. There are reasons why we should be the friends of our fellow creatures; but how much more numerous and weighty are the reasons why we should be the friends of Christ. To this point let us first direct our attention.

I. Why Should We Be the Friends of Christ? Out of the multiplicity of reasons for so great and beautiful a friendship I select the following:

1. He is worthy of our friendship. Since confidence is the basis of friendship, there surely is that in Jesus Christ to justify confidence and thus create friendship. What perfection is not in Him? In His

character, as a bright center, all the lines of moral glory melt. Jesus is truly and properly divine. Everything therefore, glorious in divinity belongs to Him. On the other hand, He is truly and properly man. Yet His assumption of human nature was designed miraculously, so that He might escape its contamination. He did escape it. For as man He was Holy, Harmless, Undefiled and separate from Sinners.

We ought to be friends to Him in whom is seen all divine and all human excellency.

2. He is our Friend. He is certainly the friend of sinners. Out of this fact arises the only hope of a lost world. Christ has declared Himself our friend. See what His friendship made Him willing to become and to do for our sakes. He made the supreme sacrifice just for us, because He loved us. We are precious in His sight. "Greater love," He said, "hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." What a specimen of condescension is this! Nothing like it had ever been seen before—nothing like it will ever be seen again!

3. Our happiness is involved in our friendship with Christ. Our happiness is certainly promoted by our friendship with Christ. All that is meant by salvation and heaven, belongs to the friends of the Redeemer. They have the promise of the life that now is, and also of that which is to come. They are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Friendship with Christ involves heirship with Christ. Are not these sufficient reasons why we should be the friends of Christ?

We are honored in being friends of Christ. Enmity to Him would be to our disgrace. Friendship with Christ can alone secure the honor

which comes from God. He Himself says, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor."

II. Conditions of Friendship with Christ—There are numerous conditions of friendship with Christ, but I shall only name a few of them:

1. We were once the enemies of Christ to our own shame and sorrow. Our hearts rose up in opposition to Him and His teaching. We saw no beauty in Him that we should desire Him. Even though He loved us, we hated Him. We were unwilling to be saved by Him. The state of our hearts was not in harmony with the plan of salvation thru His blood. If we are now the friends of Christ, we are ashamed that we were not always His friends. Shame and sorrow that we were ever the enemies of Christ, are to be numbered among the proofs that we are now His friends.

2. A cordial willingness to be saved by Him. It is easy to see that unwillingness to be saved by Christ is utterly at war with friendship for Him. His friends, confidently believing in His mediatorial power to save, trust in Him alone for salvation. Hence a willingness to be saved by Him on the terms of the Gospel, is a condition of friendship with Christ.

3. A determination to do what He commands. Remember the words of the text, "ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Christ is King. His will is law—the supreme law. No proof of friendship with Christ is satisfactory in the absence of a determined purpose to do His will. His friends will obey His commands. The purpose must be carried into the execution. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth

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EDITORIAL

The National Association will be convening in Paintsville, Kentucky, in a short while. Ministers, delegates and lay leaders are now looking forward to having a great association this year. Representatives from all parts of the country will attend, we are quite sure, this annual meeting. It is expected that some fine things will be put through the association for the general good of the denomination. May all who attend this gathering work zealously for the best interest of the whole church east and west, south and north. Let everyone hope that the Spirit of the Lord will prevail over the entire session.

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From all reports which have come to us the church at Davis is getting busy on the new addition to the present church building. Work is going forward with the construction of the annex, or the Sunday School rooms, to enlarge the church plant for the greater usefulness of the building. Since the Pittman Memorial Bible Institute is to meet there in August for a week of conference activities, as it has in previous

years, the local church people are working with a view to having the new part in readiness for use by the time the Ministers' Institute convenes in August.

We are sure that this new annex to the present church building will be greatly appreciated by the ministers and all others who attend the institute there year after year, as well as the local church people will greatly rejoice in having a fine addition constructed to the building. It will be of great good for the church and the Sunday School work as the years pass.

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Rev. D. A. Windham and others have recently arranged with the new radio station in Greenville to put on a devotional program. This is commendable and many people are beginning to listen in on these programs. Brother Windham is to be congratulated and praised for his untiring efforts in taking the initiative to render this fine service to the public. We are hoping that great and lasting good will be derived by many from these morning devotions.

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No Issue of the Baptist Next Week

It has been the custom for years not to get out an issue of the *Baptist* paper during the week of the *Fourth of July*; therefore the subscribers will not expect to receive their paper next week.—Ed.

Seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind; rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Luke 12: 29, 31.

Announcement

ZION BIBLE SCHOOL,
BLAKELY, GEORGIA

*Eleventh Session Begins
September 30, 1940*

Zion Bible School is very happy to announce its eleventh session for the preparation of ministers and Christian workers who are seeking advancement in higher education for the furtherance and maintenance of the Free Will Baptist denomination and the Kingdom of Christ.

The following syllabus, subject to change by the principal, is offered

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For further information, address the principal.

Rev. T. B. Mellette,
Blakely, Georgia

Camp Leach News

Attention Leaguers! Did you know that the time for camp is drawing near? The camp this year will be held the week of August 4-10 on the banks of the Pamlico River at Camp Leach, a site familiar and cherished by a great number of our leaguers.

The camp this year will again be under the able direction of Rev. Henry Melvin of Durham and we count ourselves fortunate in obtaining the following state leaders to serve on the faculty: Reverend E. C. Morris, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Miss Janie Belle Fitzgerald, Reverend and Mrs. Clarence Bowen and Mrs. W. L. Moretz. In addition to the number above, we are happy to have this year two members on the faculty from out of the state: Miss Gladys Baxter of Mississippi; and Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago.

Have you made plans to attend Camp Leach this year? If not, do so at once. The total cost of one week at camp will be six dollars (\$6.00). This includes the one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee. Registration blanks may be secured from Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 203, East Durham, N. C. Don't delay, register now and be assured of a week filled with inspiration, entertainment, and recreation for all.

Jessie Roland Brewer
Publicity Director

For further information concerning the camp, read *The Baptist* each week.

Why I Believe in the Free Will Baptist Doctrine

I have been a Free Will Baptist ever since I was a small boy. When I was six years old, Piny Grove Church was established within one half mile of my home. I started attending Sunday School and preaching services there. From the very beginning I liked their ways and methods of serving the Lord.

When I would watch them in carrying on the Lord's Supper, it was enough to make me a Free Will Baptist for life. They did not do one part and leave off the other as some churches do.

I cannot see why anyone who reads the thirteenth chapter of St. John does not believe in feet washing. In the eighth verse Peter told Christ that He should never wash his feet, and Christ answered, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." I feel that what Christ told Peter stands true for us too. If we do not wash one another's feet we have no part with Christ. Verse fourteen says, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." In the fifteenth verse, Jesus said that He had given us an example for us to do the same as He had done.

I like also the Free Will Baptist method of baptism. I do not believe in sprinkling. I have never seen in the Bible where Christ or any of His disciples sprinkled anyone. I think the Free Will Baptist organization comes the nearest to preaching the Bible than any other organization that I know. I grant that everyone has a right to believe as he sees fit.

Since I have been confined to my room, I have read the Bible very often, and I find something new every time I read it. I want all praying people to pray for me.

I am your humble brother in Christ Jesus,

R. H. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C., Route 5

Fifth Eastern Union Report

[Sent in late]

The union met at Warden's Grove Church in Pamlico County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March. Rev. M. C. Prescott opened the meeting by reading the Fourth Chapter of James. The moderator then welcomed the preachers, delegates and visitors. Then the different committees were appointed.

Twenty-four churches responded to the roll call with a contribution of \$69.41. The devotional committee gave the following report. Rev. C. L. Bennett to open and Rev. J. W. Alford to preach today at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. A. C. Austin to preach tonight. Rev. L. H. Wetherington to preach Sunday at eleven o'clock for the Sunday School Convention.

Rev. J. W. Alford brought the message, using as his theme: "The Resurrection of Our Lord." After the sermon dinner was spread on the church lawn.

After an hour of social activities, the union reassembled for the transaction of business. After a song and prayer, Rev. J. R. Bennett explained the need of an educational finance program, asking that each church member pay ten cents.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton gave a very interesting report on the Ladies Auxiliary Convention which was held with the Beulaville Church.

Disbursements

To the Orphanage, \$35.00; National School Fund, \$20.00; W. W. Lupton, \$5.00; W. J. Moore, \$5.00; L. C. Garner, \$5.00; and to the clerk, \$5.00.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kind hospitality shown to this union meeting. The union adjourned with song and prayer to meet in its next session.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington,
Moderator,
Rom Mallard, Clerk

Unbelievers

"And these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they believed them not."

I was very much impressed a few days ago, as I read this verse over. There were Jews and in their law they had been told that a virgin should conceive, and bring forth a Son, and His name should be called Jesus. When He came, something the like of which had never happened before. The angels visited the shepherds, and proclaimed to them a message of great joy.

At the age of twelve years find Him in the Temple where He had gone unknowingly to His parents. He was taking part in the service with the lawyers and the doctors. At the age of thirty He comes to John the Baptist to be baptised of him. John, having a vision of whom He was, refused and asked to be baptised of Him. But Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." And John baptised Him. When He had come up out of the water, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove, and claimed Him as the Son of God.

Jesus was then taken into the wilderness for the forty days' testing. He was victory over Satan in this test. The preparation was complete for the work which He had come to earth to do. He delivered that great message, the greatest of all messages, the Sermon on the Mount. For three years and six months He went about doing good. Surely we can imagine how some said, "This is the Christ." For no other man was able to do these things.

Just a few days before His crucifixion, He told them how He was going to be brought before the council, condemned and crucified. He said that on the third day He would rise again. He was arrested and tried but without evidence to convict Him. The earth did quake, and the veil of the Temple did rend. What He had said would happen did just as He had said it would happen. He

was to be a risen Christ, but some had forgotten that, and they were not looking for Him to rise. But God had not forgotten His promises concerning this event. His promises are always sure, regardless as to what we may think about them.

Then came the great message to the apostles. Christ is not dead, but is risen. But the message seemed to them as an idle tale, and they believed it not. I am wondering that if that is not the reason we have no more power over sin and Satan today than we are having. There are so many members that the message of salvation has seemed to them as an idle tale. Though they are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses. Some will not be convinced that Christ is risen. They are not prone to believe that Christ can take them out of that carnal state, and give them admittance into the Kingdom of God.

Your brother in Christ,
A. L. Sellars,
Camilla, Ga.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Envy

It was "envy" in the hearts of the Jews that gave them the courage to cry, "Away with Him." Pilot knew it. "For he knew that for envy they had delivered him" (Matthew 27: 18). Envy is a short word, but it carries a long-range cannon. It is a weapon of the Devil that often gets in the hearts of so-called Christians. Even in the hearts of *preachers*.

Humility

Jesus Christ taught by precept and example. Even though He was God manifest in the flesh he humbled Himself. Isaiah pictures him as a "Lamb" being "brought to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53: 7). Paul taught humility. In speaking of Christ he said, "And being found in

fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2: 8). Peter said, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6). A child of God cannot exalt himself. We must be humble like our Master. Yet our "humility" does not prevent us from taking issue with evil. We must be "bold as lions," when it comes to fighting sin.

Why We Should Study

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2: 15). We must study for the glory of God. God cannot approve of truth without study. Our preaching is of a very poor quality when there is but little study. James M. Gray said, "When a man stops learning, he ought to stop teaching." Much harm has been done by those who have neglected to study and then go on preach as if they knew what they were talking about. "Don't the Bible teach that it shall be given you what to speak?" said a Brother. "Yes," I replied, "but Christ was not talking about preaching the gospel, when he said similar words to your question, He was talking about being delivered up to the governors." If a preacher takes no time to study, and waits for God to fill his mouth, his mouth will be filled with wind—often hot-air—and but little of the Word of God.

The Same Old Message

"Our Pastor has preached the same sermons over and over until we know about what he is going to say when he takes his text," said a good lady to me some time ago. That is a serious indictment. We know that a preacher who has to work for a living on the side, cannot devote as much time to study as he should. but we are confident that we should not preach beyond our study. Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures." We

cannot speak beyond that we know. A student said to Mr. Beecher, "I caught two trout and prepared a sermon before breakfast, today." Mr. Beecher, replied "I rather have your trout than your sermon." When I first began preaching, a friend of mine and I were working together on a job. I said on Monday morning, "You did not hear me preach yesterday." His reply was, "No, I thought that I knew as much as you did about it, since we both had the same job last week." His answer helped me to sell my home and go to school. I wish now that I could have had two homes to sell. I realize that I need more learning and more study.

Home Missions

The Georgia State Association

Dear Readers:

This is of interest to all and especially do we appeal to the membership of our church here in the state of Georgia and elsewhere where sympathizers may be found who love the cause of Christ and the welfare of the Free Will Baptist Church.

We have begun our mission program in Georgia as has been announced by Rev. K. V. Shutes, our State evangelist, and who is actively engaged in missionary work in every church and Free Will Baptist Section that will welcome him.

For four months our evangelist delivered six messages weekly from the Thomasville, Georgia radio station, and reached every local church that was possible. Also, he has been active in organization work with our gospel tent and church revivals.

While we are handicapped in that we are not able to compensate him with the necessities for such campaign, but we are paying monthly for the tent which he is using, and we are calling upon our Georgia Free Will Baptists to respond to this mission program. We ought to raise at least \$50 every month for such a campaign at the least, but as yet we are falling far short of one half that amount. Brother ministers, won't

you respond and by co-operation and work lets put on a real campaign for missions in Georgia under the auspices of the Georgia State Association Home Mission Board. "United we stand, divided we fall," and continue unorganized. Altogether for a solid frontage by this fall and a state association full of zeal for the cause of Christ. We want to launch campaigns in Bainbridge, Waycross, Camilla, and many other places, but we must needs have more co-operation if we are to succeed.

At present several are pledged to pay in monthly, but only a few are paying their pledges. We ought to have at least fifty paying montly not less than \$1 per month. May God open the hearts of our people in tithing and missionary zeal, not only for home missions but, also, for foreign missions; also, Christian education. We are humbly calling attention to our mission pledgers and also asking our pastors and laity to assist us with means in paying as we go with our home mission program.

We already have a start with a faithful few, and while a few are willing to make a sacrifice we are prayerfully urgent that God will open other hearts to this paramount issue with a renewed rally to respond to Jesus' dictum to "go into all the world and teach every creature."

Brethren, can we fail Jesus in this day when the war lords of Europe are terrorizing the world with selfishness and despotism with eagerness to destroy the democracies of the world?

Our Home Mission Board needs finance to carry on to completion our program and to meet our obligations. Our state Evangelist needs help to preach in needy towns and communities, and setting up his tent and moving from place to place. He is depending on you and me to meet the need. There are towns, hundreds of them with no Free Will Baptist churches here in Georgia, and if our church is what we call it, may we rally and go forward to offer people everywhere the gospel according to man's free will in acceptance and

God's free will to give to all, and whosoever will. May we count on you.

Yours in His service,

T. B. Mellette, *Secy.-Treas.*
Blakely, Georgia

Notice

I am in position to hold some revivals this summer, if any church or pastor would like my services please write me at Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3.

Rev. C. H. Coats

Friends of Christ

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me." This is the language of Christ Himself. We must do what Christ commands.

4. A willingness to bear reproach and persecution for His sake. We are told that all who will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution. The apostles we are told, rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus." Many think the times of persecution are past never to return, this is not true. Those who are Christ's people must suffer, but must also persevere in Him.

Christ's friends desire to go to Heaven because Christ is there. Many wish to go to Heaven on other accounts. The friends of Christ desire to go there to be with Him and enjoy His presence. Men may want to die for several reasons. Christians alone desire to depart that they may be with Christ. Why do they wish to be with Him? Because of their friendship with Him.

Everyone is a friend or an enemy of Christ. He that is not for Christ is against Him. Are you a friend of Christ? If so, show your friendship by doing what He has commanded. Are you the enemy of Christ? If so, you are invited to come to Him and be reconciled by letting Him become your Saviour. Come now for He is calling you.

Alumni Notes

W. H. Howell

With our summer activities and all the war news to occupy our attention, it seems that Alumni Notes are rather scarce. I hope we will not let our interest in these notes die out. Let's hear from all of you.

Notes

On June, 3, Robert Brewer was graduated from Eastern Carolina Training College in Greenville, North Carolina, thereby becoming the second boy from the Orphanage to graduate from college. He graduated with honors, having been on the honor roll for all three quarters this year. He was also assistant to the Science Professor and graduated with a major in Science-History. He plans to enter the teaching profession.

Estelle Wade was married to Rudolph Johnson of Bladenboro on May 1, 1940. We hope Estelle and her husband every happiness and success in their married life.

A letter from Fred Parker of Asheville, gives us some very interesting news of the Parker children. Fred expressed his sorrow at not having been present "Home-coming" Day, and states he was to be present next year. Fred had been married for four years. He has two nice sons, Frederick Lee, age two and one-half years and William Reed, ten months.

Fred gave the following information about his sister, Hazel. She finished Berea College this spring with high honors. She plans to work this summer and enter the University of Chicago this fall to complete her study in Journalism.

On my trip to the Orphanage this week-end, I was pleased to find that Clarence Mitchel and Walter Croom were visiting there for a few days. Clarence works in New Bern. Walter finished his first year in college

at Campbell and plans to work during the summer.

Miss Lucille Proctor, who has been serving as matron at the Orphanage resigned recently to accept a position in New York City. Her place has been taken by Miss Mary Beaman of Stantonsburg, North Carolina.

We are glad to announce that from observation the Orphanage is going on nicely under the administration of Rev. J. A. Evans. We hope the work will continue nicely under him and we wish to ask the aid of all of you in helping him accomplish this.

A Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Robert Ward of Buladean, N. C., and of the Tow River Association, Free Will Baptist, has been a student with me in Zion Bible School for two and a half years. During which time he has proven himself to me as a worthy student and young minister to be a man of clean habits, studious, and faithful in the performance of his duties as a Christian.

Robert, as I know him is a member of the local Free Will Baptist Church at Buladean, N. C., and a young licentiate minister of the Tow River Association of western North Carolina and Tennessee. By referring to the Free Will Baptist Encyclopedia you will find a brief sketch (history) of the above named association on pages 639-640. Brother Ward is a very zealous Christian, a man of much prayer, fully consecrated, and a most determined Christian: a man whom, from my observation has proved that he knows the Lord, Christ Jesus, and an humble and contrite disposition.

He is working as volunteer in the behalf of mission and Christian Education, and as volunteer he speaks in the behalf of Zion Bible School and its work. As such he receives no salary, or commission. Only as

Christian people donate to him personally does he receive remuneration. May you, brother minister, receive him as a brother in Christ, for he is willing to do any kind of service, and will walk very humbly with you. His heart's desire is to be a foreign missionary and the experience which he is receiving in the work he is doing will greatly benefit him for future service in the Kingdom of God.

He is strictly reliable and can be confided in, faithful in the performance of his duties, zealous toward God, and sound in faith and doctrine, according to his abilities. I would that there were many more young ministers such as he.

T. B. Mellette, *Principal,*
ZION BIBLE SCHOOL,
Blakely, Georgia

A Modern Croesus

A loving Father left to me
A heritage more rich than gold—
Eyes, and a ready mind to see
Beauty in blossoms manifold;

Beauty in rocks, grass and trees;
In mountains against the sky;
Beauty in breathing of a breeze
Upon the flowers where meadows
lie;

Beauty in lake and waterfall,
Where sight dissolves in liquid song;
In forests, where wood thrushes
call
And with their ringing notes pro-
long

The dreamy echoes of clear bells
That sadly sound in memory
And cast upon the mind the spells
Of days that are no more to be;

Beauty in sound and in scent and
sight;
Of spring and summer, ever new;
In autumn's color, winter's blight,
Which pass before me in review.

I own the best of lake and shore;
Of mountain view, and sweet moon-
light;
Of orchards with their floral store
And blushing fruits that charm the
sight.

A legacy of joy, beside,
He left me in my home and friends,
And work congenial, to abide
Until my usefulness here ends—

Work with my books, in which I find
Companionship with all the great
Whose joy in beauty left behind
An *inexhaustible* estate.

R. H. Hiller

Notice

Will as State Fifth Vice-Presidents of the Women's Auxiliary please send your annual reports to me by July 10 so I will have my report ready for the National convention at Paintsville, Kentucky July 16. If you have no state organization and you are Fifth Vice-President of your district please send me your report. May we put forth special effort to make this the best National meeting we have ever had?

Mrs. C. B. Thompson,
400 North Leslie Street,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Wed., July 3	Gethsemane	Craven
Thurs., July 4	Wintergreen	Craven
Fri., July 5	Core Creek	Craven
Sat., July 6	Friendship	Jones
Mon., July 8	Whaley's Chapel	Jones
Tues., July 9	Christian Chapel	Lenoir
Wed., July 10	Smith's New Home	Lenoir
Thurs., July 11	Woodington	Lenoir
Fri., July 12	Kinston	Lenoir
Sat., July 13	Deep Run	Lenoir
Mon., July 15	Sandy Plain	Duplin
Tues., July 16	Cabin	Duplin
Wed., July 17	Sarecta	Duplin
Thurs., July 18	Bethlehem	Duplin
Fri., July 19	Landier's Chapel	Duplin
Sat., July 20	Beaulaville	Duplin
Mon., July 22	Pearshall's Chapel	Duplin
Tues., July 23	Snow Hill	Duplin
Wed., July 24	Rooty Branch	Duplin
Thur., July 25	North East	Wayne
Fri., July 26	May's Chapel	Wayne
Sat., July 27	Casey's Chapel	Wayne
Mon., July 29	Goldsboro	Wayne
Tues., July 30	St. John	Wayne
Wed., July 31	LaGrange	Lenoir
Thur., Aug. 1	White Oak Grove	Lenoir
Fri., Aug. 2	Daly's Chapel	Lenoir
Sat., August 3	St. Paul	Sampson

Mon., August 5	Oak Grove	Sampson
Tues., August 6	Shady Grove	Sampson
Wed., Aug. 7	Robert's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 8	Corinth	Sampson
Fri., August 9	Lee's Chapel	Sampson
Sat., Aug. 10	Pleasant Grove	Harnett
Mon., August 12	Prospect	Harnett
Tues., Aug. 13	Bethel	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 14	St. Mary's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 15	Hopewell	Johnston
Fri., Aug. 16	Johnston Union	Johnston
Sat., August 17	Powhatan	Johnston

Mon., Aug. 19	Tee's Chapel	Johnston
Tues., August 20	Riverside	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 21	Pine Level	Johnston
Thur., Aug. 22	Rains X Roads	Johnston
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,
40 Hancock Street,
New Bern, N. C.

Sidney Aid Report

Our Aid met at the church for its regular meeting on June 13. It was called to order by Mrs. Katie Roper, president. A hymn was sung by the members, the fifth and sixth chapters of Revelation were read, and sentence prayers were offered by the members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with 15 members present with 2 visitors. One new member joined.

Aid Activities

Dues collected, \$3.10; 392 chapters read in the Bible; paid for church expenses, \$1.10; have now in the treasury \$3.50.

The Aid members are to study chapters 1 and 2 in St. Matthew's Gospel, and chapters 1 and 2 in St. Luke's Gospel during the next month. Since there were no business to transact, the Aid adjourned until the next time in course, which will be on July 18. Mrs. Tenar Davis pronounced the benediction. The hostess then served refreshments.

Mrs. Laura Hill, *Secy.*

Friendship Aid Report

We held our regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Carlyle Hinton on the Second Saturday night in June. Our vice-president called the meeting to order, an opening hymn was sung and Mrs. Hermon Madon offered prayer. The scripture reading was taken from several different passages of the Bible.

The devotions were entered into in the spirit of worship. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with 26 members present and 8 vis-

itors. Dues collected were \$2.50. The money taken in from eggs was

Aid Activities

Sick visits, 26; trays, 6; bouquets, 4; milk, 5 gallons; chapters read, 145; funeral design, 1.

With the business over, the meeting closed to meet on the second Saturday in July at the home of Mrs. Clarence Allen. Mrs. S. B. Strickland offered the benediction. The hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Will Tippet, *Secy.*

Kenly Aid Report

Our Aid met at the church on Tuesday, June 4, at 2:30 p. m. The president, Mrs. Felton Watson, called the meeting to order, a song was sung, and after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Eddie Flowers. The scripture lesson was taken from Luke, Chapter eleven.

Aid Activities

Sick visits, 43; chapters read in the Bible, 57; trays sent, 16; flowers taken to the sick, 11; treasurer's report shows that Circle No. 1 had raised \$43.38; Circle No. 2, \$64.00. It was to be used for the building of the new church. We collected \$1.55 regular dues; from sale of brooms, \$1.50; balance in the treasury is \$23.32.

We decided to order flavoring to sell as a means of raising money. We also are planning to have a fish and chicken supper on the following Saturday night. The Aid has decided to adopt another orphan at the Orphanage. We want a boy if there is one who has not already been adopted.

The business being over, we adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the Third Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Woodard, *Secy.*

Pilgrim's Rest Aid Report

The two societies or circles met at Lola, Tuesday, June 11, at Mrs. Luther Lupton's home. It was the appointed time for the Roe Circle to meet with the one at Lola. We met together for every fifth meeting alternately.

The president of the Roe Circle presided over the meeting, as the one from Lola was absent. The meeting was called to order and we sang an opening hymn, after which the president read the Sixth Chapter of Galatians. Mrs. Gladys Lupton then led in a word of prayer. The reports from the two circles are as follows:

Lola Circle

Collections	\$5.65
Expenditures	9.01
Balance on hand	2.31
Bible chapters read	304
Sick visits made	107
Trays carried	14
Bouquets carried	3

Roe Circle

Collections	\$10.56
Expenditures	11.51
Balance on hand	7.76
Bible chapters read	395
Sick visits made	72
Trays carried	9
Bouquets carried	3

For both societies the expenditures had exceeded collections due to an unexpected source of contribution, we feel was a worthy cause. We sang the closing hymn and were dismissed with a word of prayer by Mrs. Arthur Goodwin. The Lola Circle meets on June 26 and the Roe Circle on June 25. Both meet together again on the 20 of August at Mrs. Janet Daniel's home.

Submitted by Ada Mae Goodwin

Beulaville Aid Report

Our Aid met in regular session on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in May with 23 members, and 16 visitors present. The dues paid were \$1.80; sick visits, 84; 586

chapters read in the Bible; hospital visits, 6.

The program given was as follows: Song, "More Love to Thee," Scripture reading by Mildred Hill; discussions of lesson by Rev. S. A. Smith; special song "The Nail Scarred Hand" by Opal Batchelor and Edna R. Thomas; a "Bunch of Golden Keys" by Mary Grace Jones. "The Value of Prayer," by Mrs. S. A. Smith. "Friendship" discussed by Mrs. Bertie Everton. Special song "Have You Counted the Cost?" by Myrtle Thomas, Ruth and Erma Sanderson, and Mrs. S. A. Smith.

A program committee was elected, which consisted of Mrs. Mildred Hill and Mrs. Bob Jones. We were dismissed by Mr. Bob Jones.

Myrtle and Carrie G. Thomas

Scatter the Roses

The Ladies Aid Society of Gum Neck Church was organized during the year of 1916 under the leadership of Rev. N. D. Wiggs, pastor, with 52 members present. Mrs. Clara Parrisher acted as president. Mrs. Annie Cahoon (now deceased) was secretary. Mrs. Parrisher was president for five years, and is a very active member at the present time.

I believe that we as younger members of the society should strew more roses along the pathway of our older members who have been so faithful in attending the meetings for twenty-four years. I am sure we could make many more lives happier today if we would give the roses while they live. We should not forget our pastor who comes faithfully year after year.

Yes, give the roses now, and don't go home and say that brother so-and-so surely did deliver an inspiring message or sermon. Tell him so now. We are to remember that every good word spoken, every good song sung, and every good smile given shall not return unto us void. We are to go on and on giving the roses while our good workers live.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. F. Swindell

Keith Missionary Society

The Ladies Missionary society of Kieth, Texas, met on Monday afternoon, May 20. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Alice Conlee. Mrs. Mabel Singletary presided as the president was absent. The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called with dues being paid to the amount of 50 cents. A motion was carried to send one dollar this month to foreign missions. Also a motion was carried that one half of each months dues be given to foreign missions.

Plans were made to pound our pastor, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, before his next appointment.

The scripture lesson for the day was taken from Mark 14: 32-72; 15: 16. Our next lesson is to be taken from Joel 1, Haggai 1, and Malachi 3.

Aid Activities

Sick visits made, 18; bouquets carried, 17; trays carried, 20; gallons of milk carried, 18 1-2; chaplans read, 200.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Ruby Maxwell.

Mrs. Ruby Maxwell, Secy.

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Aid met in its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. S. D. Phelps on June 4. Mrs. Loomis Furlough called the meeting to order, an opening hymn was sung, and the scripture lesson was read from the 17 chapter of St. John and followed with prayer by Mrs. Alton Furlough.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with 8 members and one visitor present.

Aid Activities

Amount of dues, 90 cents; chapters read in the Bible, 96; sick visits made, 57; trays carried, 7; quarts of milk carried, 5.

All business being finished the meeting closed to meet again on July 9. Mrs. I. D. Furlough pronounced

the benediction. The hostess then served refreshments.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, Cor.-Secy.

Aid Report

As May 13 was the regular time for our Aid meeting, we met at night and put on a Mother's Day Program. The meeting was opened by the members singing the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. Joe Barnette led in prayer. Then the president, Mrs. D. C. Dillon read the Scripture lesson from Exodus 2:9. She spoke on the influence of godly mothers, and closed her message with a beautiful poem entitled, "I'm Thinking of My Childhood Home."

Mrs. Joe Barnette followed with a message on the subject "Mothers." We then were favored by a song given by some visitors entitled "On Mother's Day." Mrs. Clyde Woolard then recited a poem, "Your Mother." We then enjoyed a special number, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray," which was given by Mrs. Joe Barnette and Mrs. Harry Jarvis. "God Bless You Mother" was a musical reading given by Mrs. Jimmie Wallace and accompanied by Mrs. Olson at the piano. Then another poem was given by Mrs. Walter O'Neal. Mrs. Jarvis sang a solo "My Mother's Bible." Then a play was given called "Grace and the Girls." It was enjoyed by all present.

We had a short business period with ten members present and seven visitors. We closed the meeting by singing the song, "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dillon. We then enjoyed a fine social hour with refreshments.

Submitted by a friend

Notice

Let me urge the Free Will Baptist ministers in every state to attend the Women's Auxiliary Convention Monday night and Tuesday, July 15, 16, at Paintsville, Kentucky. We are expecting the largest convention we have ever had, and with the co-operation of the

ministers it can be the most spiritual one. This will mean that you go to Paintsville only a day earlier. Please come and bring the ladies.

To every state vice-president let me suggest that you send your reports to the National Vice-presidents so that we may have some inspiring reports on our year's work. If you do not have a state convention, then the district vice-presidents will report. Let's not be found slackers but ready to promote the Cause of Christ.

Following is a list of the National vice-presidents:

Publications and Literature, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 East Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Education, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C.

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Stewardship, Mrs. Georgie F. Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

Orphanage, Superannuation, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 400 N. Leslie St., Goldsboro, N. C.

Expecting you to pray earnestly for the convention, I am

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen,
National President,
Box 203,
East Durham, N. C.

Program

Program of the Fifth Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention, of the National Association, to be held with the Paintsville Free Will Baptist Church, Paintsville, Kentucky, July 15, 16, 1940.

Theme: Calvary, Our Challenge.
Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Scripture: Philippians 1: 21.

Monday Evening

7:45—"Our Challenge to a Christ-like Life," Mrs. J. L. Welch, Tennessee

8:00—Special Music

8:15—Sermon, "Calvary, a Challenge to Christian Women," Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

Tuesday Morning

9:00—Registration

9:30—"Our Challenge to Give Christ Our Best," Mrs. M. L. Hollis, Mississippi.

9:45—Address of Welcome, Mrs. Irvin Rice, Kentucky
—Response, Miss Lola Johnson, Georgia

9:50—Remarks by the President

10:00—Minutes and Roll Call

10:10—Appointment of Committees

10:15—Business; Report of Vice-Presidents

11:00—Congregational Singing

11:15—Convention Message, "Our Challenge to Answer Youth," Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina

12:00—Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00—"Our Challenge to a World-wide Responsibility," Mrs. T. H. Willey, Texas

1:15—Report of General Secretary

1:25—Stewardship Contest

1:55—Business

2:30—Last Words and Adjournment

The music of this convention will be under the able direction of Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, North Carolina

Home-Coming at Sidney Church

All former pastors and members of Sidney Church are invited to meet with us on the third Sunday in July. Dinner will be served on the grounds. All former and present members, and all visitors who possibly can, are asked to bring baskets.

Each former pastor is asked to come prepared to make a short address.

Eld. Hermon Wooten, *Pastor*,
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Job Tempted to Doubt God's Goodness

(Lesson for July 7)

Lesson Job 1 and 2. Print 2:1-13.

Golden Text Illuminated: "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22.)

When trouble comes, are we going to turn away from God? If we do, we are guilty of a real sin. When trouble comes, are we going to blame God? Most people do. The Heavenly Father is blamed for many things which He does not do. In the life of Job it was Satan who did the things which plunged him into the most terrible suffering and the deepest of sorrow; in many casts the sufferer himself is to blame. So real is the hatred against God in our sinful nature, that even the children of God blame the Heavenly Father when suffering and sorrow come, and are guilty of behaving foolishly. A young man bought a peach orchard. He had invested his savings and his work in this orchard. Maybe he had a good crop the first year and the second year and the third year, and maybe not. But one year there was a very severe frost and there were no peaches. About this time the minister noticed that he was absent from his accustomed place in the house of prayer. When the pastor visited him, the discouraged young man said, "I'm not coming any more. Do you think I can worship a God who cares for me so little that He will let a frost kill all of my peaches?" The pastor was silent for a little while; then he said, "I can't explain it, but I do know that the Heavenly Father loves you." When things go wrong it is very easy for Satan to whisper to us that God does not love us, and he always does.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. Does man serve and fear God only for the material advantages gained thereby? This is the question around which our lesson revolves. Satan is insistent that Job's faith is a very shallow thing, that is inspired by selfish, mercenary motives. He serves God because it is profitable to do so, remove the advantages gained by Godliness and Job will show himself godless. In the first trial this was disproved, for in spite of terrible calamities Job maintained his faith in God (Job 1:20-22). But Satan is not satisfied; he refuses to accept defeat and returns to the attack. True, Job has suffered the loss of children and possessions without a murmur, but then "all that a man hath will he give for his life" (2:4), thus insinuating that man is quite ready to lose external possessions if only he can "save his own skin." Let us note what Satan's insinuation meant: (1) That he knew better than God, that God was deceived and had spoken falsely. God declared Job to be "a perfect and an upright man" (1:8; 2:3). Satan denies this and declares that bodily affliction will prove Job very imperfect "he will curse Thee to Thy face" (2:5). (2) Satan insinuates that God has no true followers; they are all insincere; they follow only for the loaves and fishes (John 6: 26), for favors bestowed. Hurt them deeply, then their hypocrisy will be exposed. Job's great answer in chapter 2: 10 reveals that even when afflicted with a cruel loathsome disease and taunted by his faithless wife, that he still held "fast his integrity." A vast host of missionaries, heathen converts, afflicted believers, have proved that their faith in Christ is more to them than life itself (Philippians 1:21).

However the devil still uses this old lie. We are still told "that every man has his price," but, thank God, it isn't true.—A. H.

2. Job's Piety—Man's approval is of little or no consequence as compared with the approbation of God who knows these hearts of ours in-

initely better than we ourselves know them. Job's miserable comforters judged him according to outward appearances, attributing his calamities and trials to sin in his life. When thus judged and condemned by others, how blessed it is to know that our accountability is not to man but to God—"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14: 12). Oh, that our lives shall be so free from sin's taint that our God may be able to say of us what He said of His true and tried servant Job: "There is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil" (Job 1:8). (Read 1 Corinthians 4: 4, 5).

3. Job's Integrity—Jesus said, "a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matthew 10:36). It was true with Job. When overwhelmed by sorrow and suffering, his wife's ill-founded advice was this: "Curse God, and die." Still, he held "fast his integrity." Not so much was Job's honor at stake as was God's, for in reality, Job was but an instrument in God's hand to show to the world once and for all that His grace is more than sufficient for the losses and sorrows of life!

"When weary and worn and stricken,

*From bondage I longed to be free;
There came to my heart the sweet message:*

'My grace is sufficient for thee,'

"Soon, soon shall the warfare be over,

*My Lord face to face, I will see;
And prove as I stand in His presence:*

'His grace was sufficient for me.'"

—W. B. K.

4. "So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown."

Satan did not long delay, but immediately went forth to use the liberty granted him to the utmost. His object was to torture Job, and so he smote him with sore boils. The word "smote" implies suddenness and vehemence. Job was covered

with these sore boils from the head to his feet. What was this disease? Watson is quoted as saying, "He is stricken with elephantiasis, one of the most terrible forms of leprosy, a tedious malady attended with intolerable irritation and loathsome ulcers. The disfigured face, the blackened body, soon reveal the nature of the infection." (*Biblical Encyclopedia*). This was the most dreadful and terrible disease Satan could possibly think of. Job must have been an astounding sight, too horrible to behold. His sudden dreadful disease must have been an astonishment to all who knew him. Think of it! The richest and greatest man in all the land made at once the most loathsome and miserable.—W. S. H.

5. This lesson will hear the old question asked thousands of times, "Why did God permit Job to suffer?" Also why He permits Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini to inflict so much suffering and misery. Perhaps you can find an answer in our Senior and Adult quarterlies.

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Boys and Girls Corner

The Missionary's Loaf

It was a busy time in America. There were so many pretty things in the stores that children and their fathers and mothers wanted to buy. Perhaps that was why nobody put anything into the missionary offering that month. Those that thought about it thought that it would do just as well to pay it the next month or the next.

Far over the sea it was a busy time, too. The missionaries taught in the school every day, and had company from early morning until late at night. All the visiting missionaries stayed with them, too. They had to care for sick people and visit people in trouble besides taking care of their own church and their own children. Mrs. Missionary had to sew and mend and do all the other things which your mother does, and she had to buy very, very carefully, because she did not have much money to spend.

One day they had been out in the country, but they hurried home because they knew that it was mail day and that there would be letters from America. The children had never seen America, but they liked the letters and gifts that came from there, and their father and mother had told them about the people who could not come to be missionaries, but had sent them instead. Eagerly the father and mother read the letters from the dear homeland, but though there were many letters, there was no money in any of them, and the missionaries' money was all gone. They had not enough even to buy what they needed for supper. And it was nearly supper time!

All at once one of the children cried, "Oh, look at the loaf bread!" And there, right in front of the house lay a great, long loaf that had fallen from some baker's wagon. It was wrapped in paper and was

clean, and as no body had any way of finding out who dropped it, the children joyfully brought it in. We do not know what other ways God used in taking care of that missionary family until the careless people in America remembered their missionary money. But if the happy, comfortable people in the homeland could have known how much trouble they had made for the faithful unselfish missionaries, they would gladly have done without something and sent the money across the sea.—*The Sunbeam.*

Matthew 25: 40b: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Invitation to Spring Branch Church

Spring Branch is planning something grand,
Home-Coming Day, lend a hand;
Come help us sing, come help us pray,
And let us all enjoy the day.

Now, we'll have luncheon picnic style,
And friends will come from many a mile;
And there old friends we'll want to greet,
And maybe new friends we will meet.

This would not be Home-Coming Day,
If former pastors stayed away;
And all the members far and near,
Especially, are invited here.

Oh, July Seventh is the Day,
So make your plans, folks, right away;

And on this date be with us here
And think of it again next year.

Written by Lorene Beaman

*Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing his bleeding love.*

OBITUARIES

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, the Ladies of Spring Hill Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, realize with grief-stricken hearts our great loss in the recent death of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Mabel Howell. While we do not understand why our Heavenly Father called her from our midst when we needed her so much, yet we do not question His divine will, but bow our heads in grateful appreciation that it was our privilege to know her as a friend and co-worker in our church life.

Mrs. Howell served in several positions in her church. At the time of her death, she was president of her aid, church pianist, and leader of a weekly prayer meeting.

We, therefore, submit to His will in this hour of sorrow, knowing that "he doeth all things well," and that while our loss is great, we shall ever cherish her memory as a shining example of all that was good and true, and that we strive to live up to her standard of a Christian life, ever serving the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Clarence Bowen,
Margaret Allen,
Mrs. Joe Collier

ALEXANDER. Our Mother, Mary Ann Alexander departed this life on February 28, at the age of 90. She leaves to mourn their loss, 10 children, 69 grand children, 135 great grand children and 12 great-great grand children. She was a faithful member of Malachi's Chapel Church.

We can have her here to love no more, but we'll meet her on the other shore.

Alonza L. Reynolds, Grandson

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for May, 1940

(15-31)

Cash balance from National Bank	
turned over by M. E. Tyson.	\$ 793.35
Cash balance from Citizens Bank	
turned over by M. E. Tyson.	54.46
Cash turned over by M. E. Tyson	31.55

\$ 879.36

Receipts

Balance on hand, May 15, 1940 -- \$ 879.36

Religious Organizations	173.37
Individuals	3.41
Concerts	354.57
Cash sale of cattle	80.60
Soil conservation	19.60
Adjustments, funds turned over by former Superintendent	847.81
Total	\$2,358.72

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 241.89
Office Supplies & auditing books	27.67
Financing and Publicity	4.75
Class Expenses	43.78
Food	100.12
Clothing	64.56
Household	24.19
Recreation	10.00
Travel relating to the care of children	6.73
Health supplies	.20
Farm Supplies	8.75
Replacement of cattle	90.00
Repair of Superintendent's Home	19.60
Superintendent's bond	12.50
Adjustments, funds turned over by former Superintend net.	847.81
Total	\$1,503.37
Balance on hand	855.35
	\$2,358.72

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$ 879.36
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00
Union Chapel Church, Beaufort County	5.94
Union Chapel Sunday School, Beaufort County	3.11
Parker's Chapel Sunday School	2.33
Reedy Branch Sunday School	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00
Agricultural Conservation	19.60
Velva Daughtry	.16
R. H. Baker	10.00
A Friend	1.00
Hull Road Church, by Supt.	12.50
R. H. Baker	70.00
Winterville Sunday School	3.50
Rains Cross Roads	10.47
Concert Class	142.01
Dawson's Grove Church	3.00
J. E. Harris	.25
Union Grove L. A. S., Wayne County	.50
Raleigh Revival, by Chester Pelt.	4.85
Cash, sale of gas	.60
Union Grove Church, by Superin- tendent, Wayne County	8.33
State Women's Auxiliary Con- vention, offering	15.50
State Women's Auxiliary Con- vention, appropriation	25.00
Entwistle Church, Rockingham	6.02
Marsh Swamp Church, by Mrs. Rosa Worley	25.00
Haywood Howell	1.00

Stacy Church	5.07
Bethany Church, Pitt County	11.75
Davis Sunday School	5.00
Concert Class	212.56
Aid money	14.50
Adjustment, (check \$793.35)	793.35
Adjustment (Check \$54.46)	54.46
Total	\$2,358.72

Donated Commodities

L. A. S. of Union Grove Church, food	\$ 21.40
L. A. S. of Union Grove Church, food and farm supplies	28.20
Mrs. Bessie Pate, clothing	2.98
Wilbur Goodwin, gas	1.00
Mrs. W. G. Murphey, food	.25
Union Grove L. A. S. subscription to "Progressive Farmer"	1.00
D. W. Alexander, cabbage	5.00
W. S. Brown, potatoes	2.50
Creswell L. A. S., quilt	3.00
R. H. Jackson, pepper plants	.75
Shady Grove Church, corn	12.00
Hull Road Church, corn	18.00
Bethany Church, Pitt Co., food	37.95
Robert's Grove Church, corn	6.00
Aid clothing	13.90
Total	\$ 153.93

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Aid	Child	Amount
Mt. Tabor Church, Ashley Harrell		\$12.50
W. G. Wilson, Marie Caulder		2.00
Total		\$14.50
Aid	Child	Value
Macedonia L. A. S., Alvin Earl Butts		\$13.90
Total		\$13.90

**The Difference between a
Gentleman and a Real
Christian***B. E. Coxwell,
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and abroad. He wants to be one who can stand for the rights of others. Such a man we consider a perfect gentleman. Well, that is all fine as far as it goes.

Any Christian should be of that quality. But all of this will not save him alone. There is no way by which he can be saved but by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. He must be born of water and of the Spirit. Good deeds and fine conduct cannot save him. He must be a new born babe in Jesus Christ. Then, if he will walk as Christ walked, and is led by the Holy Spirit, he will be a perfect gentleman.

Oh, if people would first seek the kingdom of God, then all His righteousness would be showered upon them. It will be pleasing to do those things when a man or a woman is born again. Then their souls will be hungering and thirsting after righteousness. But think what the people are seeking today. About 50 to 75 percent of the Lord's people are seeking every means possible to slay each other with the sword. All others are living careless lives. Where will they stand in that day? I hope some of you people can say as one of my grandfathers did on his death bed. When the doctor made his last call, he asked him how he felt, and he told him that all was well with his soul.

The rich young ruler would not part with his wealth for a home in heaven. Remember, he was called away from his wealth. He went away sorrowful. It was too late. The door had been shut against him. I pray that the door may be wide open for me. Kind people I do not want anything to come between me and my Saviour. The Lord is good and longsuffering, and we should all be ready when He comes. He is calling you and me. So let us fix our hearts upon God and be ready when He comes to take His children home. Being a good man will not save us. We must be children of God, born of water and of the Spirit.

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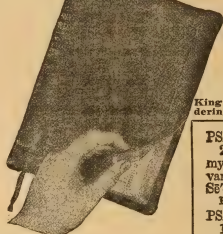
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58-Jah.

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PSALMS 88:13

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That the nights are long and the days are dim?
Can He be touched by the griefs I bear
Which sadden the heart and whiten the hair?
Around His throne are eternal calms,
And strong, glad music of happy psalms,
And bliss, unruffled by any strife—
How can He care for my little life?

And yet I want Him to care for me,
While I live in this world where the sorrows be;
When the lights lie down in the path I take;
When strength is feeble and friends forsake;
When love and music, that once did bless,
Have left me to silence and loneliness,
And my life-song changes to sobbing prayers—
Then my heart cries out for a God who cares.

O, wonderful story of deathless love;
Each child is dear to that heart above;
He fights for me when I cannot fight;
He comforts me in the gloom of night;
He lifts the burden, for He is strong;
He stills the sigh and awakes the song;
The sorrow that bowed me down He bears,
And loves and pardons because He cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again,
We are not alone in our hours of pain;
Our Father stoops from His throne above
To soothe and quiet us with His love,
He leaves us not when the storm is high,
And we have safety, for He is nigh.
Can it be trouble which he doth share?
O, rest in peace, for the Lord doth care.

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N. D. Beamam
Snow Hill, N. C.

Should all the forms that men devise
Assault my faith with treach-
ers art,
I'd call them vanity and lies,
And bind the gospel to my heart.

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"Dissolving of Doubts"

By Clinton Lupton

(DANIEL 5: 12)

Many Christians live in perpetual doubt. They hope they are saved, but are not sure. One day they are on Mount Pisgah, and the next in the valley of humiliation. Why does such uncertainty exist? A sublime picture of the character I wish to portray is that of one of the apostles, known as Thomas. His character was that of a man slow to believe, seeing all the difficulties of the case, subject to despondency, viewing things on the dark side, yet full of ardent love for his Master. This dark-view trait was shown in his speech, when our Lord determined to face the dangers that awaited Him in Judea on His journey to Bethany. Thomas said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (John 11: 16). A lovely spirit indeed though tinged with some sadness. Showing the tendency of the man to take the dark view of things. Today there are quantities of good people that have strong constitutional besetment of this kind. Love the Lord its true, but allow doubt and unbelief to rob them of the greatest joys that can be afforded them in this life. To doubt, my friend, is like the sin of Israel, who, after so many miracles and proofs of God's presence still cried, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

It seems, Thomas, sensing how this journey to Judea would end in respect to his Master, also sees in it peril to themselves, as they all did, but feels that if he could not and cared not to survive his Master's sacrifice to the fury of his enemies. It seems that Thomas was "of little faith." Could it be inferred that Thomas was living in a low spiritual state? Remember if one continues to decline, doubt is inevitable. A state of grace is one of progress, not of decline. The apostle was evidently

living in the latter state judging from the unbelief appearing in his question during the last Supper, "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not where thou goest, and how can we know the way?" (John 14: 5). Just notice how skeptical he was as to moving a step in the unseen future. Yet inquiring as to how this step was to be taken. How very true of many Christians today, their progress in the Christian realm is held back by the bars of doubt. Yet they eagerly inquire as to how this progress is to be made.

This spiritual state in which the apostle was living seemed to prepare the way to downright, though but momentary, unbelief on a memorable occasion. It was after the resurrection. Thomas was absent, possibly by accident, perhaps (like some of our present day Christians) not always present with the congregation, when Jesus appeared. When the others told him what they had seen, he broke forth into an exclamation, the terms of which convey to us at once the strength of his doubt. No, Thomas had not been present with the others and he had not experienced the same scene. Therefore he believed not their testimony that the Lord was on earth, because he had not the same experience as they. His faith was lacking to place confidence in the very words that are our Scripture today. Again I seem to hear some Christian say, "I doubt because my experience has not been the same as brother or sister so and so." Friend we can not make the experience of some individual a strict model and say, "Unless I shall see I will not believe." But rather let us say, "If I shall see I shall believe."

Now, dear reader, let us notice carefully. On the eighth day Thomas was with them at their gathering, perhaps expecting a similar occurrence of the visit of the previous

week. Ah—Thomas will "come and see." And he saw Jesus standing among them uttering the same salutation, "Peace be unto you." Then turning to Thomas, as if it had been the special object of His appearance uttered the words which lie gently but strongly put him to shame for the doubt and hesitation he had shown in the past. "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands," saith the Lord, "and be not faithless but believing."

The effect on Thomas was immediate. The conviction produced by the removal of the doubt became deeper and stronger than any of the other apostles. Which is told out in his expression, "My Lord and my God." The answer of our Lord sums up the moral of the whole narrative: "Because thou hast seen me thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen me and believed." Yes, Thomas believed, and it was well, but only on the evidences of his senses, after refusing all evidence short of that. He believed by the evidence of feeling which the Lord rebuked.

Christian friend, that shadow of doubt, however small, has no place in your heart. The Holy Spirit will dissolve it if permitted. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." We read in the old Testament, "that they limited the Holy One of Israel." Even so, the Holy Spirit may dwell in us, yet be greatly limited in His power, because self is inclined to ignore His presence and resist His control. A Spirit-filled Christian begins to use Paul's positive affirmations, "I know whom I have believed." And the filling of the Holy Spirit occurs when the believer is willing to surrender every room in his heart and yield con-

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EDITORIAL

Tuesday, July 15, the National Association will be convening in Paintsville, Kentucky. Ministers, delegates, lay-leaders of the various churches are expected to assemble from the several states to enter into the business of this session of the association. Leading phases of the work of the church are to be taken up and discussed with a view of launching some progressive steps for the ongoing of God's kingdom work. Let us hope that this session will be a great one, and that steps will be taken to advance the great work of the Free Will Baptist church at large.

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The time for the Pittman Memorial Institute, which is to convene at Davis Church, is drawing close at hand. This pastors school is well worth the time and expense of any preacher, we believe, for a week of study and recreation. The courses of instruction to be given will prove greatly helpful to each one who will attend this week of study and fellowship together with others who will enroll for this Summer Bible Study.

We wish to urge every pastor in North Carolina to plan to attend this week of Bible study, and enter into the work with a view of deriving great good from the fine fellowship and deep study of the scriptures. The Christian fellowship and pleasant associations will be worthwhile for each one who will attend the Bible Institute at Davis in August. Further mention will be made in the Baptist concerning this work which will begin on August 11 and continue through the 16.

It is interesting to note that the church people at Davis are putting forth great efforts to have the new annex to the church building in readiness for use when the Institute op-

ens on Sunday, August 11. A very large attendance is expected this year of ministers and lay-leaders to pursue the courses of study. Much good is expected to be accomplished during the week of study and fellowship at Davis.

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The North Carolina League Camp will be held this year, August 4-10, at the same place as heretofore, Camp Leach near Washington. A splendid faculty of teachers has been secured to conduct the week's courses of study. Rev. Henry Melvin of Durham will be Director of the Camp. Hundreds of North Carolina Leaguers are looking forward to this week of Bible study and recreation. We are hoping the leaguers will attend in greater numbers that has been the case for the past few years. While the attendance has been good, yet there is need of more leaguers taking advantage of this fine piece of work. The work which has been conducted there has been splendid, the recreation wholesome, and the associations are uplifting. Great and lasting good can be derived from the week of study at Camp by all who attend and enter into the spirit of study and worship.

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Rev. C. B. Thompson of the Goldsboro Church has been elected as pastor of the Ayden Church for the coming year. Brother Thompson has been the pastor of the Goldsboro Church for the past three years, and has done a fine work there. The Ayden Church is fortunate indeed to be able to get such a fine minister of the gospel to shepherd its flock. We are hoping for him the greatest of success in his new field of work. He will move to Ayden sometime in the early fall, in time to put his children in the Ayden school at the opening of the session.

Mrs. Thompson is a fine church worker, too, and is a very great help to Brother Thompson in his church work. The people of Ayden will be happy to have them move in and to get acquainted with them and the work so that when his pastoral year begins he will have the work well in hand.

Fulfilled Prophecy of Jesus

To understand the fulfilling of prophecy, the use of world history is a great help because it shows just when prophecy has been fulfilled and knowledge of scripture proves the word of God, and strengthens our faith in our Heavenly Father. In Matthew 24 we read about Jesus telling the disciples that the beautiful temple would be destroyed, that they would be killed and persecuted, kingdom would rise against kingdom and many would grow cold in the faith because so much sin would abound. They asked Jesus just when should these things happen, and He told them that all would come to pass before He came back to earth again to set up His kingdom. We are looking for this return at any moment.

As I study world history with my Bible, I learn that the temple was overthrown, and Jerusalem was destroyed 70 years after Christ, by Rome, and the subsequent exile of the Jews took place 135 years after Christ. The last persecution of the Christians, early in the fourth century was the most severe, lasting eight years, but failed to shake the constancy of the early Christians. They welcomed death which would gain for them a heavenly crown. They were placed in dungeons, heads cut off, beaten and roasted slowly over fire. Such faith is shown today by our faithful missionaries. Honor and praise to them. There have been wars and today we are witnessing one which will finally lead into the war which will bring Christ back to earth, at what time we do not know. We are told to watch.

He said the love of many would

wax cold because sin would abound. During the past year I have seen many turn their back on Jesus for the foolish things of this world. The cares of life are taking place of self-denial for the cause of Him who died for them. The name "Christian" does not mean what it did to the early Christians, nor does it mean what it did ten years ago. I am sure this church age is about finished and then Jesus will split the clouds and catch up His chosen ones. This message goes out as an appeal—"are you ready—a born again one, chosen of God—are your desires and affections under the spirit's control?"

Mrs. C. T. Adams

A North Carolina State Sunday School Convention

Plans for the organization of a State Sunday School Convention are beginning to get in shape. The time for this organization to be perfected is drawing near. The place where we expect to meet the delegates and leaders from all over the state is Little Rock Church, Lucama, N. C. Tuesday, September 10, 1940. The program will get under way at ten o'clock a. m. when there will be a general reception for District Presidents and their Secretaries. The reception will be continued at 11:00 a. m. when delegates from all over the state representing the individual Sunday Schools will be received, and the great work will be actually moving on in the precious name of our Lord and Master.

I am asking that all Sunday Schools send to me as early as possible the following report which report received will serve to place your name on the honor roll:

1. Name of Sunday School.
2. Name of District Convention.
3. Name of Delegate (s).
4. Number Enrolled.
5. Contribution (One cent per member Sunday School).

District Convention Report

1. Name of District Convention.
2. Name of Delegate.

3. Names of President and Secretary, their addresses.

4. Contribution (One dollar for each District Convention).

The name of every District Convention and Sunday School sending in their report will be published in the Baptist in the order in which they are received. If you want the name of your Sunday School or Convention placed at the head of the list, then see to it that the report is in the mail at an early date.

Mr. W. E. Coville of Nashville, Tennessee is planning to attend the Organization which is to be perfected at Lucama, September 10. He will have a special part on the program as he is Chairman of the National Sunday School Board and will give us some first-hand information regarding the National set up, so that we can meet those requirements.

R. P. Harris, *Chairman*,
Kinston, N. C.,
S. H. Oaks,
James R. Pittman, *Com.*

A Word from Moderator of the National Association

Since the time is drawing near for the National Association to convene at Paintsville, Kentucky, I am thinking of so many things that are of vital importance to our work that I am asking the pastors and every delegate to make special effort to be present for the opening service, and come to stay through the entire session.

Churches should make it possible for their pastors to attend the association since the future of our church depends largely upon the influence of the local pastors. It is necessary that they be fully acquainted with the program of the work. If the pastors and a few of the outstanding leaders are present to help plan the work, they will be able to return to their churches, and make the work a reality.

It has been interesting to me to

see the people of my church work to raise funds for Christian education. I am rejoicing in the fact that the people have been happy in the work of my church raising funds to further the cause. It is to me the greatest joy of my life to lead a people in a work for the Lord.

I trust that when we come to the National Association we will have the best delegation we have ever had, and that we may come with that spirit of enthusiasm which will put our program over for the glory of God. I have read with interest the encouraging letters and the reports from the several Boards which serve our beloved denomination. I should like to see every Board meet on Tuesday before we go into the regular business session on Wednesday, and be able to have something to offer in a definite way in the interest of the great work.

Please do not fail to come with full and complete reports of the work done during the past year. Let me urge again in closing that the pastors come and urge the delegates from your church or association to come. Those fine people down at Paintsville, Kentucky, will be looking for you. You will never meet finer people anywhere.

Yours for a greater service in His kingdom,

James F. Miller

A Request for Prayer

I am asking all readers of our church paper that pray and believe in prayer to pray for my son, Odias Hughes.

He had a mental breakdown two weeks ago. He is now in State Hospital at Raleigh, N. C.

Join in with me. We pray that God will restore to him again both his mind and health.

While praying remember me too. That the Lord may strengthen me spiritually and physically.

A sincere child of God,

Mrs. Deliah Hughes,
412 S. Williams Street.,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Jesus Christ Never Fails.

1. To Save the Repentant Sinner. "Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7: 25).

2. To Comfort the Believer. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come unto you" (John 14: 18).

3. To Answer the Prayer of the Faithful. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (1 John 5: 14, 15).

4. The Branch in Fruit-bearing. "Abide in me, and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15: 4).

5. To Keep Us from Falling. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen" (Jude 24, 25).

6. In Being One with Us. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also, which shall believe on me through their word. That they all may be one; as, thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17: 20, 21).

"I have tried to be a Christian and failed," said a young man to me. I answered, "Then let Jesus try, for He never fails." A great many of us fail because we try to do it ourselves. Some fail because they fail to listen to the voice of Jesus and take the admonition of the Devil. Many say, "God told me to say" or "God told me to do" or "I talked with God and He told me what to do." And then

that person made a "mess" of the thing which was an utter failure. I heard a preacher say, "God gave me the message." Well, if God gave him that message, God attributed Himself, or allowed the Bible to be misapplied. God should not be accused of our failures.

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Is America Christian

We have Christians in America, but the slogan "Christian America" is false. "By their fruits ye shall know them" our Saviour said. Statistics, together with sin and crime and the worldliness and godlessness of church members, makes us a Nation of sinners.

"Thirty-six of the 49 million young people in the United States have never set foot inside a church" according to the statistics of Rev. Frank E. Gaebelien, head master of the Stony Brook School for boys, Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y. "Of 55,000 youngsters attending certain schools in New York, more than 16,000 never heard of the ten commandments," says Mr. Gaebelien. This information is horroful. But Mr. Gaebelien goes further and states, that, "of more than 18,000 students in Virginia, that 16,000 were unable to name four Biblical prophets, 12,000 to name the four gospels, and 10,000 to name three of Christ's disciples." He says, "The young people of this country are "Spiritually illiterate."

Recently we came across some appalling statistics. We are informed that we have, in "The United States an active criminal population of 4,750,000 and that more than half of this number are below 21 years of age."

Add to the crime wave of the United States, the divorce courts; the worldliness of church members; Sabbath desecration; drunkenness, fornication, jealousy and hatred among those who claim to be Christians. Thousands of church members spend more on the Sabbath to damn their souls than they ever think of giving to the kingdom of Christ to save men from sin and

hell. Yes, it is false to claim that "America is Christian." It is worse than false, it's blasphemy. Go to your churches at the hour of worship and then go to the the places of worldly amusements on the afternoons and be honest with yourself, and you will say, that "America is facing the same fate that Europe is experiencing at this time." We are no better than the Old World. The people of Europe have turned thumbs down on God; and God is letting them reap what they have sown.

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The Last Days Are Here

"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3: 1-5).

Certainly we are a nation of "pleasure-lovers." Ungodly pleasure. It is fun to see black Joe Lewis, and the fools who will fight him, maul the blood out of each others' face. If the money that is spent for foolishness were used for the glory of God we need not fear Hitler ever crossing the Atlantic. We would be safe from such a "beast." But, we are a sinful nation.

What Will You Do about It?

More than one-half of the world is at war.

Millions of widows, orphans and refugees, bombed and driven from their homes are destitute.

Many are dying of preventable malnutrition, disease and exposure.

America should cheerfully pay the price of peace and be thankful that our lives and homes are mercifully spared the awful scourges of war.

Peace-time gifts do not suffice for wartime emergencies.—CLIPPED.

Report from Red Bay, Ala.

Dear Editor:

I am sending these few lines to the Baptist that my many friends here and there might know that we have moved back to Red Bay, Alabama. We had lived here for six years before going to Tupelo and still pastored the church here during the six years that we were in Tupelo, giving them two Sundays a month. I have been pastor of this church now for twelve years. They have done some wonderful work during this time. They have built and paid for a new ten thousand dollar church building and within the last few months they have bought a nice six room pastor's home that is beautifully located close to the church. Our revival is to begin here next Sunday and I urge everyone who reads this to pray that the blessings of the Lord may be mighty upon us during these special efforts in soul winning. * Pray that many may be led to accept the Lord during these days.

The power of the Lord has been felt in a mighty way during the revivals of this spring. On the fourth Sunday night of April we went to Sulligent, Alabama, for a two weeks' tent meeting. This is a beautiful little city about fifteen hundred souls, and only two churches there. A missionary Baptist and Methodist and we were told by the Mayor and others that very few people attended the services of either church and that we need not expect very many to attend the revival. The Mayor said that if we had a hundred people present for any one service that that would be an extra large crowd for that place. The very first night we had several more than we could seat, and we had seats for about five hundred, we kept adding seats each day and then were not able to seat the crowds. There was something over a hundred that confessed faith in Christ during the two weeks there. We plan to go back in the fall for another meeting and organize a Free Will Baptist Church there. We al-

ready have over five hundred dollars pledged on the building.

Prof. Leon Denton, director of the East Tupelo High School Band was in charge of the music. We went from there to Fulton, Mississippi for two weeks. Bro. Virgil Oswell of Florida joined us in this meeting, playing the piano and directing the junior choir. He built this choir up to over a hundred members which added much interest to the services. Great crowds attended from the first service throughout the meeting, with twenty-seven confessing the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. This is another fine County Seat Town without a Free Will Baptist church. How hungry we find the people for the old time Gospel of Christ everywhere. Surely there is a great Open Door for our people. May God help us to accept the challenge. Pray for me and the work.

Yours in the interest of the Kingdom of God,

M. L. Hollis

New Work in South Carolina

Rev. M. F. Howell has just closed the revival at the new church in the Muddy Creek community. The meeting lasted three weeks and was a great success. There were twelve souls saved. Thirteen were baptized, and fourteen took membership with the church.

This work is less than a year old. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the work and many hearts were hungry for the Gospel of Christ. At the beginning the services were held in a store house for a few months. Then God began to work on the hearts of the people to the extent that the people began to prepare a place for worship. They built a church thirty by fifty feet. It is not quite complete. The dedication service was held on the Third Sunday in May and the revival began the same night.

We are praising the Lord for this fine start. We are asking your

prayers for this work that these people will not become discouraged. The church has been organized since the close of the revival meeting. Also Sunday School and prayer meeting have been started. This work is located in Williamsburg County, S. C.

Written by a sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. A. B. Powell,
Hemingway, S. C.

Announcement

I am available for pastoral care of churches for another year, and I shall be glad to hear from any church that may desire my services for the coming pastoral year.

Please address communications to Roseboro, N. C., Route 2.

Rev. J. H. French

"Dissolving of Doubts"

(Continued from page three)

trol of all his life to Him. The external evidences, of course, are manifest, which are, "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Prayer takes on a new meaning. The Word of God is wonderfully illumined. The believer is conscious of being led by the Spirit and is a soul winner. A Spirit-filled Christian is as sure that he is a child of God, as that he is a son of man.

We hear of Thomas only twice again in the New Testament, once on the sea of Galilee with the seven disciples, where he is ranked next to Peter. And again assembled with the apostles after the ascension. Tradition represents him as preaching in Parthia or Persia, and as finally buried at Edessa.

When a believer falls prostrate at the feet of Jesus Christ and embraces Him as "My Lord and My God," he will find that when assailed by doubts he dispels them by applying himself the more faithfully to the duty of Him who paid it all, and will find, "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding."



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard

P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

Introduction of Department

This new department in the Free Will Baptist will be used for a four-fold purpose. 1. It will serve as a medium for news of F. W. B. L. activities. 2. It will be the "mouth-piece" of the Field Secretary of the N. C. F. W. B. L. Convention. 3. It will be the medium of expression for the newly established "Student Work" department, designed to reach our Free Will Baptist young people who are in the colleges and schools of the state. 4. At the suggestion of the editor of the F. W. B. L. Quarterly, ideas will be given from time to time for dramatizing, or otherwise illuminating the regular league topics.

A Word from the New Field Secretary

Dear Leaguers, For sometime I have planned to write a word of greeting to you, but I never dreamed until around eleven o'clock on the 4th of July that my greeting would appear under the above heading! Honestly, the Bowens have done such a splendid piece of work for our young people that I never had a thought but that they would go right on doing it! I want you to believe me when I say that no one in all the state would have been more glad and thankful than I if they had kept on. But, Brother Bowen, plans to be in school for the next year, and asked the convention to relieve him of this work. We are not giving him up, for our young people showed their love for him and appreciation of him by promoting him to be president of our F. W. B. L. Convention. In this position we all look to him for guidance and advice.

It was a real surprise to me when the convention elected me to the office of Field Secretary. I feel that I am so little for the place! But I have a wonderfully big God to help me, and a fine big group of leaguers all over the state to hold me up and encourage me; and with my faith in these I am looking hopefully into the future, and expecting us to have a great year together. Are you? Honestly, if we want it it can be ours. Let's want it! Let's want it enough to go out after it with our best. The theme of our great convention was "All for Christ." If I give my *all* and you give your *all* ALL together we'll be victorious!

Write me freely of any of your problems. Also let us have news reports

from your leagues. Remember your regular quarterly reports go to Rev. Henry Melvin, but do drop us a letter, or a card all along and let us know how you're getting along. We'll get it if you'll put P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C. on it.

Are You a College Student?

If you are a student in any of the colleges within the state of N. C., or if you are planning to enter college this fall, please drop a letter or card to Miss Ruth Moye, Snow Hill, N. C., giving her your address and telling her what college you are attending, or plan to attend. Miss Moye was elected as Student Secretary of the F. W. B. L. Convention of N. C. at the recent session, and she is endeavoring to make contacts with all our young people who are in college, or planning to enter college.

The writer, together with the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church and the F. W. B. students attending East Carolina Teacher's College, are to be hosts to a state-wide meeting of students to be held in Greenville sometime this fall. Great things are being dreamed of, and plans are now being made. More information will be given about this from time to time. We hope to have two hundred or more students for the meeting.

Looking Forward

Next week we hope to give you a full and correct directory of the State and District F. W. B. L. Conventions of N. C. Also we're starting a F. W. B. L. Album right away. You are going to see things! Also, look for suggestions for a "F. W. B. L. Emblem" meeting in the next issue. Let us have your news, and also your *views* coming right along. If we don't have space to print all you write, we'll do our best to pick out the best and "tell it to the rest." The proper address is given twice above. Look for it!

News from Georgia

I wish to give a report of the last few weeks of my work. We went back to Drifton, Florida, for two more weeks and 22 members were added to the church, as best I remember. The people there like only

\$60 more dollars having their church paid for now.

I was in Blakely, Georgia, with Brother Mellette for a week. There were four conversions, but no additions. The people were just right for a good revival when we had to leave to be with Brother C. J. Harvey for five nights at Greenwood Church which is near Camilla, Georgia. We had a number of conversions there.

For the past week we have been at Pine Grove Church near Bristol, Georgia. We have had here the second best meeting so far for the summer. There is a fine chance for a church in Waycross. There is a piece of property there which is worth \$12,000, and we can buy it for \$4,000. Will you people pray that God will in some way enable us to purchase this fine property for a church building.

We will be in a meeting in July at Camilla, Georgia. We have no church there, but pray for us that we may lead people to Christ and be able to do a fine work while there.

Yours in Him,

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
115 Colton Avenue,
Thomasville, Georgia

Home Coming Celebration

There will be a Homecoming Day celebration observed at Lee's Chapel in Sampson County on the Third Sunday in July. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

All former pastors, and members of Lee's Chapel, visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend this gathering. You are asked to come and bring well filled baskets, and let us enjoy the day together to the glory of God.

There will be a program given, also special music by Sampson County Quartet and others. A revival meeting will begin on the following night. It will be conducted by Rev. Thomas E. Beaman.

W. H. Lancaster, *Pastor*,
W. B. Godwin, *Clerk*

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Report of District Convention

The Southern Alabama District Convention of Free Will Baptists Women's Auxiliaries met with Pleasant Ridge Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in June, with Mrs. S. M. Womack presiding. After several songs by congregation, prayer was held by Mrs. Womack and the scripture was read by Mrs. Prudies Deese. After another song the welcome address was given by Mrs. Iris Hall.

Response by Mrs. J. A. Register. The program on Ladies Aid work was rendered by Pleasant Ridge Ladies followed with a sermon by Rev. D. W. Poole. After a song by the congregation the benediction to adjourn for lunch was given by Mrs. S. G. Carter. At one o'clock the body reassembled with Mrs. Womack presiding. After a song and prayer we listened to an interesting talk by Rev. J. B. Lovering, and a reading by Miss Fannie Lou Savell. After an interesting talk on "Ruth and Esther" by Mrs. J. A. Register the business session began.

The secretaries read reports from societies represented; as follows: Pleasant Ridge, Springfield, Howard's Grove, Shiloh and Grangeburg. The Financial report was as follows: National convention dues received \$6.70; Free Will offering \$1.61; \$3.07 in treasury. Total receipts \$11.38. Paid to Field Secretary \$1.61. Paid to National Convention \$6.70. Total Disbursements \$8.31. Balance in treasury \$3.07. The program committee for the next convention is as follows: Mrs. Iris Hall, Mrs. Donnie Hart and Mrs. Thelma Grondin.

The next regular annual meeting will convene on Thursday before the

fourth Sunday in June, 1941 with Shiloh Church. A vote of thanks was given to Pleasant Ridge Church for their hospitality after a song. The benediction was given by the president.

Mrs. D. W. Poole,

Corresponding Secretary

Aid Report

The Ladies Aid of Oak Grove Church, Miller County, Colquitt, Georgia wish to make the following report for the Second quarter of this year. We truly feel like God is blessing us as we have continued in prayer. He has given us strength to carry on and we have added to our roll one new member, since last report of first quarter.

We wish to report the following activities done by us through the second quarter:

Money raised	\$12.98
Milk given (gal.)	30 1-2
Chapters read	263
Trays to sick	6
Sick Visits	79
Social Visits	51
Gifts of eggs, fruit, vegetables, etc.	46

We want to ask God's people to pray for us that we may be ever doing something for the glory of God.

Mrs. T. M. Mock,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Colquitt, Georgia

A Faithful Daddy

A faithful daddy, kind and true,
Is the kind for me and you.
A faithful daddy, the kind I love,
Gvien to me by my Maker above.
A faithful daddy, pleasant and kind,

God is wonderful—he made you mine.

A faithful daddy to trust through years,

God for him does love and care.

A faithful daddy that loves me I know.

The daddy that will love me wherever I go.

A faithful daddy, may you always be
For God made you mine forever,
you see.

Written by,

Geneva Newberry,

Quincy, Florida.

Concert Class Report

Third Week

Mount Zion	\$16.66
Bethel	19.50
Oriental	24.35
Trent	15.00
White Hill	14.41
Dublin Grove	27.24
Total	\$117.16

Fourth Week

Smyrna	\$18.35
Core Paint Chapel	17.61
Union Chapel	20.00
Shiloh	14.43
Free Union	25.05
Sidney	13.55
Total	\$108.99

Fifth Week

Belhaven	\$15.00
Union Grove	17.60
Union Chapel	7.50
Corinth	35.00
Mount Tabor	15.52
Soundside	18.67
Total	\$109.29

Sixth Week

Gum Neck	\$17.03
Malachi's Chapel	36.34
Rose of Sharon	12.50

PROGRAM

Program of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States, to be held with the F. W. B. Church of Paintsville, Ky., beginning July 15, 1940.

MONDAY NIGHT

Opening of National Women's Auxiliary Convention

7:45—Song & Prayer Service—conducted by Mrs. George Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
8:15—Sermon—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Midway, Texas

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Women's Auxiliary Convention

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Women's Auxiliary Convention

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service; Devotional—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri

8:00—Sermon—By Rev. D. F. Pelt of Alabama

WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Texas

9:00—Association called to order by the Clerk; Moderator takes charge

9:10—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates

9:30—Appointment of Committee on Credentials; Appointment of Finance Committee to receive Association dues

9:40—Welcome Address—Rev. H. B. Conley, Paintsville, Kentucky

9:50—Response—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Georgia

10:00—Business Period—Report of Credentials Committee; Election of Officers and Board Members; Appointment of Temporary Committees: 1. Publicity; 2. Business Resolutions; 3. Formal Resolutions; 4. Petitions and Requests; 5. Registration [Fee Committee]

10:30—Moderator's Message

11:00—Song and Prayer Service

11:20—Associational Sermon—Rev. George D. Dunbar, Chucky, Tennessee

12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional—Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois

1:45—Miscellaneous Business: Reading of minutes of morning session; Enrollment of delegates late in arriving; Report of Credentials Committee

2:30—Report of Board of Education

3:30—Report of Women's Auxiliary Convention

4:00—Adjournment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service; Devotional—Rev. F. C. Zinn, Springfield, Missouri

8:15—Sermon—Rev. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

THURSDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. Aston Peques, Normangee, Texas.

9:00—Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday's proceedings; Enrollment of Delegates late in arriving; Reports of Temporary Committees

9:30—Report of Home Mission Board

10:00—Report of Sunday School Board

10:30—Report of Denominational Publications

11:00—Song and Prayer Service

11:20—Sermon—Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, North Carolina

12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Rev. Floyd Cherry, Dothan, Alabama

1:45—Business Period: Reading of minutes of preceding sessions; Committee Reports; Publicity, Business Resolutions; Registration Fee Committee

2:30—Report of Foreign Mission Board

3:00—Report of Executive Board

3:10—Report of Superannuation Board

3:40—Reports on Orphanage work

4:10—Selection of place of next meeting after report of Petitions & Requests Committee

4:20—Adjournment

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service—Devotional—Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Virginia

8:15—Sermon—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Oklahoma

FRIDAY MORNING

8:45—Devotional—Rev. J. A. Kemper from Ohio

9:00—Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday and Thursday proceedings. Final reports of the following committees: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Formal Resolutions, Registration Fee Committee, Finance, Treasurer's Report. Decision on number and distribution of minutes. Completion of all unfinished business

10:30—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board

11:00—Report of National Statistician

11:30—Miscellaneous

12:00—Final Adjournment

DIRECTORS OF MUSIC—Wednesday, Mr. I. L. Stanley, Greenville, Tennessee; Thursday, Rev. R. E. Tripp, North Carolina; Friday, Mr. Marvin, Dalton, Tulsa, Okla.

Pleasant Hill	14.44
Oak Grove	10.00
Juniper Chapel	8.16
Gum Neck Sunday School ..	3.50
J. F. Jordan	5.00
Free Union Junior League...	.25
Total	\$107.22

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E. H. Holton, grease for bus...	\$ 1.15
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American Barber Shop, hair-cuts	2.10
Mendon Davis, honey50
Earl Davenport, refreshments ..	.60
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Job's Repentance and Restoration

(Lesson for July 21)

Lesson: Job 42: 1-13.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends" (Job 42: 10).*

The three friends of Job did as Jehovah commanded them, showing that they also were humbled under the mighty hand of God. They embraced Jehovah's way of nearness to Him, and Jehovah also accepted Job. Job was honored by being made a priest in behalf of his friends, after his deep humiliation, his severe suffering, and their proud contemptuous treatment of him. And Jehovah turned the captivity of Job when (while) he prayed for his friends. The words "turned the captivity" form a proverbial expression, meaning restoration. Jehovah restored Job; that is He gave him recovery. His trouble was like a captivity, and his deliverance was a recovery. During his trouble he was delivered into Satan's hands who treated him severely, and now he was delivered from Satan's hands and his multiplied and intense sufferings.—W. S. H.

What a striking phrase, "when he prayed for his friends." Prayer, not only for himself and his sad condition, but for the friends who had misunderstood him, and had attributed to him things of which he was innocent. Surely the nobility of the character of Job was never more clearly demonstrated than when "he prayed for his friends." It is so like our gracious Lord to do this. If Satan is the accuser of the brethren, then the Lord is the indicator of those who put their trust in Him.

Psalm 126 was exactly the experience of Job.—*MacFadyen.*

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

The three "comforters" of Job—Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar—were unable to convince him of sin as the cause of his trouble. Then a fourth—Elihu—spoke up and presented a different argument. He argued that affliction might be used as an instrument of education instead of chastisement (Job 37: 21). He pointed out that Job and his three friends were all sinners and alike needed a Saviour (Job 34). Then Jehovah took up the argument with Job (Job 38—41). Elihu had spoken of the wisdom and power of God; now God reveals Himself.

1. *Repentance* (Job 42: 1-6). Job had steadfastly defended himself against the charges of his friends. He did not have anything to say in reply to the message of Elihu. After the Lord had spoken to him he broke down in self-judgment.

He made an open confession. He confessed the wisdom and knowledge of God. Until now he had not been fully aware of the fact that there was no limit to the knowledge of God. Next he confessed his own ignorance. He had been talking about things which he did not understand. Many a man like him has argued in the dark, but unlike him has not confessed his error when the light came. But that is the right way out of darkness and confusion.

2. *Relief* (Job 42: 7-10). The Lord now addressed Himself to the three friends of Job who had falsely accused him of being a hypocrite. They had at the same time spoken unjustly of God, assuming that He dealt harshly and without mercy when men disobeyed Him. Thus the first relief was brought to the sufferer. Even though he was not yet healed of his disease, it was a comfort to hear the Lord speak of him in a commending way.

The three friends of Job were commanded to bring sacrifices of burnt offerings unto the Lord, in or-

der to escape the consequences of their folly. It does not matter whether a man is a scientist, like Eliphaz; or a traditionalist, like Bildad; or a religious moralist, like Zophar. In the eyes of the Lord all are sinners and the way of approach to Him is through the offerings of Jesus Christ.

These men realized the seriousness of their predicament. They did not attempt to convince the Lord of their innocence, or their good intentions; but they accepted His verdict and proceeded to obey His commandment.

Furthermore, Job is commanded to make intercession for them. He is considered more worthy than they. God thoroughly vindicated him before his friends and made him a great intercessor; but "it is notable that the Almighty gives no explanation of Job's suffering, renders no decision on the subject in debate, and offers no hint of compensation to His servant for what he has endured." But He showed that His dealing with one of his children was beyond the criticism of any man. However, the effect of the fiery trial upon Job brings to light the hidden purpose of God. Job was a man of faith and Godliness, and yet he was self-righteous and proud. He was not aware of this until his trial brought a revelation of God. Then he saw himself as God saw him. Thus, as Dr. Scofield says, "The Godly are afflicted that they may be brought to self-knowledge and self-judgment." The afflictions are not punishments, but remedial and educative and purifying. And when these purposes have been gained the Lord will again relieve His children.

3. *Restoration* (Job 42: 10-13). God accepted the prayer of Job for his friends. That was the first step in the process of restoration. He was assured of communion with God. Then, step by step, God gave back to him all that he had lost in his affliction. He took away his sickness when he prayed for his friends (vs. 10). He gave back to him the confidence and friendship of his rel-

atives who had been estranged from him on account of his troubles. Each of them brought him some money which enabled him to make a new start in a material way. Under the blessing of God his possessions increased again. They did not stop when he had regained his former wealth, but kept on increasing until he had twice as much as before. The number of his sheep, camels, oxen and asses was exactly doubled. God keeps an accurate record of all that His children have.

Job's experiences reveal the faithfulness of God. His example has given comfort and courage to the suffering down through the centuries. Yet he is by no means a perfect example in the matter of affliction and patience. That can only be found in our Lord Jesus Christ. And it is He also who gave the answer to all of Job's questions.—J. C. T.

4. *Repeated Advice.* Job's three friends were wrong when they said his afflictions were a punishment for his sins, but they were honest enough to repent when God told them He was displeased with them. If we study the lesson in the Adult and Senior Quarterlies we shall find God speaking to us and revealing many more deep truths to our minds and hearts. The Golden Text could be used as a text for a sermon.

W. M. Armstrong in Hospital

Dear Readers of the Baptist:

Since I have undergone an operation for an ulcerated stomach in the Marine Hospital, I am writing to the paper, asking that the dear people pray for me. I want them to pray for my dear companion and loved ones at home in Gum Neck. They cannot be with me much of the time, as finances are so short. But we all have the same chance in heaven, and so anyone who will may drop me or my family a cord it will be greatly appreciated. We should like to hear from our friends occasionally.

If we all will put our trust in the Lord in the right way, He will take care of us. So please remember us in your prayers, and remember that I am praying also for you all.

I am very weak and cannot sit up. I may have made mistakes, but if I have, I ask for pardon, as my aim is to live a Christian life. My address is as follows:

W. M. Armstrong,
Marine Hospital,
Norfolk, Virginia

My home address is Columbia, N. C., Route 3, Box 52.

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If there are those who shall need my services, please write me at Alma, Georgia.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. E. B. Joyner

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Date	Church	County
Mon., July 15	Union Grove	Wayne
Tues., July 16	Pleasant Grove	Wayne
Wed., July 17	Spring Hill	Wayne
Thurs., July 18	Stoney Creek	Wayne
Fri., July 19	Antioch	Wayne
Sat., July 20	Hull Road	Greene
Mon., July 22	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Tues., July 23	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Wed., July 24	Free Union	Greene
Thurs., July 25	Friendship	Greene

Fri., July 26	Marlboro	Pitt
Sat., July 27	Grimley	Greene
Mon., July 29	St.'s Delight	Greene
Tues., July 30	Little Creek	Greene
Wed., July 31	Elm Grove	Pitt
Thurs., August 1	Ayden	Pitt
Fri., August 2	Rose Hill	Pitt
Sat., August 3	Black Jack	Pitt
Mon., August 5	Winterville	Pitt
Tues., Aug. 6	Reedy Branch	Pitt
Wed., August 7	Bethany	Pitt
Thurs., Aug. 8	Piney Grove	Pitt
Fri., Aug. 9	Greenville	Pitt
Sat., Aug. 10	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Mon., Aug. 12	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Aug. 13	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Wed., Aug. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Thurs., Aug. 15	King's X Roads	Pitt
Fri., Aug. 16	Spring Branch	Greene
Sat., Aug. 17	Saratoga	Wilson
Mon., Aug. 19	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Tues., Aug. 20	Owens Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Aug. 21	Otters Creek	Edgecombe
Thurs., Aug. 22	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Fri., Aug. 23	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe
Sat., Aug. 24	Barnes's Hill	Nash
Mon., Aug. 26	Piney Grove	Nash
Tues., Aug. 27	Mount Zion	Nash
Wed., Aug. 28	People's Chapel	Wilson
Thurs., Aug. 29	Rose Bud	Wilson
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Boys and Girls Corner

The Paper That Carried a Message

Mata sat on the front doorstep feeling lonely and unhappy. She did not like this new country of America, even if her father could make such high wages every day. In the old home, far across the ocean, they were very poor, but they had kind friends and neighbors. Here they did not know any one. One day when her father had asked a polite question of some big boys they had laughed at his queer words, and when he grew angry they laughed louder. Then they called him a "mean, cross foreigner," until all the children on the street were afraid of him; and they all teased and worried poor little Mata until she was afraid of every one.

Mamie lived in the next house and was sorry for little Mata, but could not make Mata understand. On Sunday she sat looking at her Bible-school folder with the picture of Jesus and the children. By and by she had a happy thought. She ran toward lonely little Mata, holding the paper in her hand, but when Mata saw her coming, she ran into the house.

Mamie put the paper on the door step and went home again, and soon Mata came timidly and picked it up. Then she called her mother, and they both looked at the picture. They could not read the words, but they knew that any one who sent a picture of Jesus meant love and kindness. Oh how bright and shining were the two faces that turned to smile at Mamie! The smile that Mamie sent back was just as bright, and before many days she and Mata were playing together.

Mamie's paper had driven away the loneliness and the homesickness from three hearts.—*The Sunbeam*.

Matt. 21: 9: "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

JERNIGAN.—On May 30 the death angel hovered over Johnsons Hospital, and took the soul of little James Lyman Jernigan back to be with God. He was three years old. His suffering was great, but it is over now, and he is at rest, free from pain. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Jernigan.

Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers, one sister, one grandfather, and a grandmother besides other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

The funeral was conducted May 21 at Oak Grove Church by Rev. H. C. Adcox, and the little body was laid to rest in the Russ Cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers. He is not dead but sleepeth, and will arise when the trumpet of God shall sound. Therefore, we would say to the family and others weep not but look upward and behold your child fixed in the blessed abode of God.

Written by Mrs. W. G. Wilson

HAGIN.—Mr. J. E. Hagin passed triumphantly into the presence of the Lord early Monday Morning, April 15, at the Chandler Hospital, in Savannah, Georgia, following an illness of three weeks.

Death was not dreaded by him because he said not many days before his death that he wanted to meet his Saviour face to face. He knew that we would not cross the valley alone and he indicated the beginning of a voyage and not the ending.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Glennville, Georgia. He served as deacon of the church for many years. He was a man of very few words, but very faithful to his home, church and the cause of Christ at large. He lived daily for the Master.

It was very grievous to give up our dear father and husband, but we realized that "God had said, 'Come up higher.'"

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, three sons and three daughters, three stepsons and two step-daughters. Miss Laura Belle Barnard is a step-daughter, who is now serving as a missionary in South India. The following poem is given in loving remembrance of our dear husband and father.

Not dead but only sleeping,
Gone but not forgotten;

Father dear, if you are quietly sleeping
away from home,
Your bright smile and cheery words
Still linger in our hearts.

In them we find comfort
We, too, are looking forward for Him
to say, come up higher,
Where there will be no more parting,
And no more sad farewells.

Written by his daughter,
Frances Rogers

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for June, 1940

Receipts

Balance on hand June 1, 1940	\$ 855.35
Religious Organizations	421.22
Individuals	9.00
Concert Class	442.67
Total	\$1,728.24

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 285.00
Office supplies	45.85
Financing and Publicity	14.12
Adjustments	5.00
Food	123.18
Clothing	89.94
Household	76.17
Health supplies	10.90
Lights	13.59
Farm supplies	80.32
Concert Class expenses	26.10
Superintendent's home	4.53
Additional livestock (biddies)	18.00
Gas: car, truck and bus	\$45.93
Repairs: car, truck	
and bus	68.42
Travel relating to care	
of children	64.70
Transportation expenses:	179.05
Total	\$ 971.75
Balance on hand	756.49
	\$1,728.24

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$ 855.53
Casey's Chapel S. S.	10.00
Spring Branch Church	20.00
Farm	1.50
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	5.00
Concert Class	117.17
Cedar Hill Church and S. S.	1.60
Albena Union and S. S. Conv.	76.00
F. W. B. Press, By: Supt.	4.60
White Oak Hill Church,	
Nash County	4.11
Farm	1.50
Snow Hill Church, Duplin Co.	7.04

Mt. Zion Church, Cabbarus Co.	10.00
Parker's Chapel S. S.	2.64
Goldsboro S. S.	8.50
Fairview Church No. 2	9.69
Concert Class	108.99
Rev. & Mrs. W. L. Moretz	5.00
British Chapel Church,	
By: Supt.	3.35
Sea Level Church, By: Supt.	5.00
Davis Church, By: Supt.	25.00
Davis Church, offering	8.65
Rains Cross Roads Church	3.19
Winterville S. S.	2.25
Sound View S. S.	2.00
Gum Neck Church	20.00
Central Conference S. S. &	
League Convention	6.35
Dublin Grove	1.25
Union Chapel Church	4.02
Union Chapel S. S.	2.70
Concert Class	109.29
Johnson's Union Church	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00
St.'s Delight Church	7.50
Stacy Church	3.66
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00
Arapahoe S. S.	9.12
Concert Class	107.22
Davis Church	5.00
Second Union of W. Assn.	19.00
Second Union of C. Conf.	46.43
Reedy Branch S. S.	1.60
Friendship, Jones Co.	11.97
Fifth Union of the E. Assn.	55.00
Aid money	5.00
Total	\$1,728.24

Donated Commodities

E. H. Holton, grease for bus	\$ 1.15
White Hill Church, clothing	5.00
Brother's Lodge, oil for bus .....	.85
L. A. S. of White Oak Hill Church,	
Nash County, food	3.80
coupons	206
Friendship, Johnson County,	
coupons	375
L. A. S. of Tee's Chapel Church,	
household	2.90
American Barber Shop, haircuts for	
class children	2.10
British Chapel Church, food	10.23
Dublin Grove Church, potatoes	65.00
James Morris Fleming, beans	15.00
J. O. Everton, one ham	4.40
T. E. Beaman, clothing	4.00
Mendon Davis, honey (class) .....	.50
Earl Davenport, refreshments	
(class) .....	.60
Mary B. Strickland, refreshments	
(class) .....	.75
George and Floyd Spencer, gas	
and oil	2.10
Mrs. Dudley Clark, clothing	2.00
Mrs. C. G. Pope, cucumbers50
Long Ridge Church, fruit	2.30
Aid Clothing25
Total	\$123.43

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Aid	Child	Amount
Piney Grove Church, Clinton Ange...		\$5.00
Aid	Child	Value
Ayden L. A. S., Mozelle Hodges		\$.25
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Man may trouble and distress me,
 'Twill but drive me to thy breast;
 Life with trials hard may press me,
 Heaven will bring me sweeter
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 Oh, 't is not in grief to harm me,
 While thy love is left to me;
 Oh, 't were not in joy to charm me,
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2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing [falshood]? Se'-lah.

Ps. 42:3; 51:6, 18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [come before] thee.

Ps. 5:3; 119:147.

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"A VERY PRESENT HELP."—*Psalms 46: 1.*

He's helping me now—this moment,
Though I may not see it or hear,
Perhaps by a friend far distant,
Perhaps by a stranger near,
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by the printed word;
In ways that I know and know not,
I have the help of the Lord.

He's keeping me now—this moment,
However I need it most,
Perhaps by a single angel,
Perhaps by a mighty host,
Perhaps by the chain that frets me,
Or the walls that shut me in;
In ways that I know and know not,
He keeps me from harm or sin.

He's guiding me now—this moment,
In pathways easy or hard,
Perhaps by a door wide open,
Perhaps by a door fast barred,
Perhaps by a joy withholden,
Perhaps by a gladness given;
In ways that I know and know not,
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And whether I go or stand,
Perhaps by a plan accomplished,
Perhaps when He stays my hand,
Perhaps by a word in season,
Perhaps by a silent prayer;
In ways that I know and know not,
His labor of love I share.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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Home Coming Day

The church at Pleasant Plains is planning to observe the Second Sunday in August as Homecoming Day. A cordial invitation is extended to all former members and pastors to attend.

The program will begin at ten o'clock and dinner will be spread on the grounds at twelve o'clock. Every body come and bring well filled baskets.

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The Christian's Greatest Task

By W. L. MORETZ

(Radio Message, by Willet L. Moretz, Secretary and Treasurer, Foreign Mission Department of the N. C. State Free Will Baptist Association, Swannanoa, North Carolina, over WPTF May 13, 1940, on "Your Daily Devotional Program," at 7:15 p. m.)

I want to talk to Christians this morning on the great subject of "Leading Others to Christ." I take for a text a part of the 42nd verse of the first chapter of John's Gospel: "And He brought him to Jesus." This text is a part of the story of the very first experience mankind had in leading the lost to a loving Saviour. John the Baptist first pointed Jesus out to his own disciples when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the World." This was the beginning of the greatest work in all the world—Personal Soul-winning. Because of that simple testimony of John two became followers of Christ. The Bible says, "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, 'We have found the Messias which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus.'"

On the next day Jesus saved Philip, and immediately "Phillip findeth Nathanael" and invited him to "Come and see." And so began and has continued the greatest task of all the ages, and may it so continue "till the whole world knows" about Jesus.

The woman of Samaria when she believed on Christ went back into the city and invited others saying, "Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him." I think that surely must have been a happy time for that woman, who

had been an outcast, not only because of her own salvation, but because she had had a part in transforming a city—her own city. There are probably hundreds of souls about us today that Christ is expecting us to bring to Him. Have we surveyed the situation about us to see if there are those whom we should lead to Christ?

Too many of us think that it is the other fellow's job to seek the lost ones to bring them to a Saviour. How many times have we heard people (they say they are Christians) say it is the preacher's business to see that sinners are brought into the Church? To some people getting others to join the church is the biggest thing in evangelism. So many times I've been asked at the close of a revival, "How many joined the church?" But I am not half so much interested in how many joined the church as I am in how many were saved from sin. That is the all important question today as it has always been. I fear we have too many in our churches who have never been "born again." We should not stress "Churchanity" so much, but "Christianity" more.

We must never forget that Christ not only calls sinners to let Him save them, but that He also calls Christians to serve Him. There is no greater service one can do for Christ than lead a lost soul to Him. No one would question the fact that Mary and Martha were friends and followers of Christ, and yet Martha came to Mary and said, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." He is calling for you, Christian friends, this morning. He wants to send you to some one whom sin is troubling. Will you not hear His call?

Once in a revival a mother came to me and said, "I want you to pray for my boys. They are lost." I as-

sured her I was and would continue praying for them. I asked her if she was praying for them, and she told me she was. Then she said, "I want you to talk to them and try to lead them to Christ." Again I assured her that I would do all I could to lead them to the only Saviour, but again, I asked her if she had talked to them and invited them to come to her Christ. Her answer to this question was, "No, they don't have much confidence in my religion." How horrible! How many of us must confess that we live in such a way that our own families have no confidence in us as Christians? We as Christians must live in such a way that the world can see Christ in us.

In S. D. Gordon's book, "Quiet Talks with Workers," I found this paragraph, which I want to pass on to every Christian listening in: "Go where men are, and re-live our Saviour's life amongst them. The man is more than his message, even when the man is less than his message. Your lips may tell the whole story, but if your life does not, your message drops in its power to the level of your life. Only as you and I follow Jesus through a commonplace life, perhaps through a Gethsemane agony, through a Calvary with its thorns and nails, through a burial down out of sight into the soil of men's lives, only as we follow Him are we giving them the message. It must be lived."

It is the business of every Christian to lead as many to Christ as possible. Christ gave us a message and said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." I tremble when I think of the countless multitudes who will be lost, who might have been saved had we done our best to lead them to a

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EDITORIAL

The New Church Finance Association

The *Church Finance Association, Incorporated*, is a new thing in our church in North Carolina. It was put into effect just recently for the express purpose of raising funds, as time passes, to lend assistance in the work of building up the church in needy places and helping to finance weak churches standing in the need of financial assistance.

Since April 24, the date when this plan was formed, quite a number of ministers and laymen have taken membership in The Church Finance Association, Incorporated. Others also have expressed themselves as being favorably impressed with its plan and purpose for raising money to aid the work in needy places. They have faith in its purpose and arrangement to be of great value to the cause of the church in North Carolina.

We are of the opinion that it is a splendid way to raise funds to help needy churches and to build home mission work in our state. Moreover, we believe in its effectiveness, when fully under way, to the extent that we are planning to take membership soon. Anything that is worthy of the best interests of the church people, we are glad to subscribe to its support. That is the way every church worker should view matters pertaining to the growth and expansion of the church program. The membership of the church should be willing to pool adequate funds through this *Church Finance Association*, year after year, for the purpose of building up a large reserve fund for church extension. This plan is feasible and

safe, and should be heartily subscribed to by a very large number of the church membership in the state.

In addition to the above statements, we believe the plan should be kept before the church from time to time by the ministry. It should be definitely explained to the church people with a view of urging them to take membership in the association. Of course, the plan will have to be worked. Anything that is worthy of the people's interest and concern requires persistent effort on the part of some to make it effective for any length of time. Neither it nor any other financial plan for raising church finances will function of its own accord. It must, therefore, be pressed effectively upon the people for the plan to meet with success; that is to say, *The Church Finance Association* must be a continuous thing with the churches year after year. It must be worked effectively. Proper solicitations must be carried on by effective individuals for the realization of the best results. New members are to be secured from time to time, and the old ones are to be kept active all the while. As many fraternal orders have gone down in the past for the lack of proper stimulation, or good business management, so this *Church Finance Association* will depend upon the proper stimulation and good business management for its continued existence and effectiveness in the work of the church. But with proper efforts put forth for its success, it can become a power in church financing. Thus, in the course of a few years, thousands of members could become a part of the organization. Hence, a tremendous power for the church would be formed through this *Church Finance Association*.

"Brotherly Love"

E. W. Mitchell

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one to another. (John 13: 34, 35.)

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15: 12.)

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another. (Romans 12: 9, 10.)

Let brotherly love continue. (Hebrews 13: 1.)

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4: 8.)

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning that we should love one another. (1 John 3: 11.)

We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (1 John 3: 14.)

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (1 John 4: 7.)

Beloved, if God so loved us we ought to love one another. (1 John 4: 11.)

If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God loveth his brother also. (1 John 4: 20, 21.)

Though I speak with tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbol. (1 Cor. 13: 1.) Other good scriptures through 8th verse.

NEXT, *Law of Love to Man*



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard

P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

Who Is Field Secretary?

Through some oversight of the printer the signature was left off article *A Word from the New Field Secretary* appearing in this column last week, leaving those who were not present at the recent North Carolina Convention of the Free Will Baptist League guessing who the new Field Secretary is. The note should have been signed "Mrs. L. E. Ballard." The writer of this correction is only the husband of the Field Secretary!

An Emblem Meeting

We are giving the space this week to suggestions for an emblem meeting which can be given on some special occasion, or can precede the regular topic discussion at some regular meeting of the league.

Prepare a cross, shaped like the cross in the emblem, and painted white, or covered with white paper or cardboard. Put in place easily seen on wall, or on stand fastened to floor. Using yellow cardboard cut a circular, as appears in center of the emblem, print on this circular the League motto, "The Kingdom of God First." Then prepare picture of the Bible, or cut picture of open Bible from some catalog, right size. Bible may be any color that will look good with the yellow and white. Next prepare letters on cardboard—F. W. B. L. Dark blue or black cardboard is suggested. These parts of the emblem are given to separate leaguers taking part in the program. After the League song is sung the leader will announce that the league will turn artistic and produce the F. W. B. L. emblem. (A short talk may be made on the cross as the background of the emblem, and the significance of the league colors—white and yellow.) Leaguers then are called up one at the time.

First Leaguer: (Places the yellow center on the cross with thumb tacks, then stands to side and calls upon the league to arise and repeat together the motto. Then follows short talk on the motto.)

Our F. W. B. L. Motto was chosen to present in a few words, selected from the Bible, the spirit of our organization. The first purpose of every F. W. B. L. is to win the young people to the Lord Jesus Christ so that the kingdom will be first in their hearts. The next purpose is to train them in the ways of Christian living and service so that the kingdom can be first in their lives.

Second Leaguer: (Comes forward and fastens the Bible in center of the circle. Then stepping to side and holding up a Bible, makes short talk on "The Bible, Our Guide.")

The F. W. B. L. has its first book of rules the Bible. All the rules that are made for the government of the league are carefully prepared to conform with the teachings of the Bible. The Bible is made a vital part of our league program through the Daily Bible Readings, Bible drills, and Bible readings to go with all the topics. Every leaguer is expected to make the Bible the guide of his or her individual life.

Third Leaguer: (Places the "F" on the cross with thumb tack, then stepping to the side announces that the "F" as used in this program stands for "Faith in the Lives of Leaguers.")

Faith is the key that unlocks the windows of heaven for us. It also unlocks many other doors for us. Faith in our friends unlocks the door of true fellowship. Faith in the future of our league will cause us to be more faithful and earnest in our labors. Faith in our church will cause us to want to train ourselves to be a real part of that church. Above all Faith in Christ will bring us salvation from our sins.

Fourth Leaguer:—(Places "W" on the cross and makes talk on "Willingness," after announcing that the letter stands for that.)

There is a Bible verse that says "My people shall be willing," and there is no place in our church work where this should be the rule more than in the F. W. B. L. If we can get willingness in our hearts, our league will be bound to succeed. We will not be absent from the meeting, unless we just have to be for we will be willing to come and willing to arrange to come. We will not say "excuse me please" when we are asked to take part on the program, for we will be willing to do our part. We will not neglect to read the Daily Bible Readings, for we will be willing to read them for our good.

Fifth Leaguer: (Places "B" on the cross and speaks)

We are going to let the "B" simply be what it is—Be!

Be on time for all league meetings;
Be quiet when you are not supposed to be speaking;

Be ready when you are called upon to take a part;

Be slow to criticize others;
Be quick to correct your own faults;
Be ready to praise good in others;
Be true to league motto;

Be willing to stay for church after league;

Be attentive to the preacher;
Be good, be kind be sweet;

Be prepared for eternity by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Sixth Leaguer: (Places "L" upon the cross and announces that it stands for love, then reads selected verses from the Bible on Love.)

Love to God, Deuteronomy 6: 5;
Love to Christ, Matthew 10: 37;
Love for neighbors, Matthew 22: 39;
Love for one another, John 15: 12-17.

Leader then makes talk on the emblem as a whole, reviewing briefly the thoughts presented, and expressing hope that the emblem will mean more in the future. Someone may then present the finished emblem to the league as a part of the room decoration.

Incredulity

By Gene Farrell

Beyond the awe-inspiring range
Of telescopic eyes,
Great constellations wheel and spin
Through regimented skies.

While here a pin-point miracle
Of microscopic clay,
Alone in all the universe
Refuses to obey!

Refuses to obey the One
Who said, "Let there be light!"
And instantly ten million stars
Spake majesty and might!

Refuses to accept the One
Who said, "Come unto Me,
And I will give you peace and joy
Through all eternity!"

Almighty God and Saviour, too,
Omnipotence and grace
Gives chance to turn from chaos
God's order to embrace.

Yet men prefer to disobey,
Reject the gospel story,
Refuse to take eternal life,
Abundant grace, and glory.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Why Not Purchase at Home?

As I get around into homes I find that a number of Free Will Baptists purchase Bibles and religious books from traveling salesmen, who often charge more, for something no better, than we charge at *our own* Publishing House in Ayden. Why do that? You can get Bibles and some of the best religious books to be obtained right from *your own* place of business. Too, every religious book that goes through our hands is absolutely safe to be read by you and your children. Many of those that you buy from the "book-agent" is full of errors and dangerous. Many of them lead souls away from God. "Be not deceived."

Prayer

"Too many of us pray too little for self" said Rev. L. R. Ennis, at St. Mary's the Fifth Sunday evening in June. As I think on prayer this thought comes with great force to my mind. I have often said, "Some of us pray for a 'great revival' when we are not willing to have the revival." The revival that God would have us to have would change the life of the one who prays and there are a great number of us who do not want a change. A revival from God would make us able to pray for our enemies. It would make us pay up our just and honest debts, as far as our ability goes. It would keep us off from the Sunday ball park. It would keep us from the places of questionable amusement. It would stop slanderous tongues. It would kill jealousy among the preachers and the laity. It would bring us together where we are divided. Christ would be our Shepherd instead of some man-made leader. Are you thinking of, and praying for a revival this summer? Do you really want a *revival* that

will get you right with God and man? If you do, you want to pray for a Holy Ghost revival. Then let God start it in you.

Grouping the Rural Churches

The grouping of rural churches seems to be one of the problems that has not been solved by the Free Will Baptist. The Methodist have their circuit, and the Missionary Baptist have their groups, but we Free Will Baptist continue to go about disorganized. One preacher—I say preacher, for there are but a few pastors among us—going to his appointment meeting, another going to his appointment—one a hundred miles one way, the other a hundred miles the other way, thus making unnecessary expense. No preacher, if he wanted to, could not be a pastor living fifty or a hundred miles from his church. How long will we go on with so much division—with so little vision—and so little concern as to the best interest of the church as a whole?

The Remedy for Division

In speaking to a minister with experience concerning our need of "grouping the rural church" he said, "There is no remedy as long as we continue to call pastors each year, as this method allows politics to get into the selecting of the pastor." We are sure that this brother's plan will work. It does work with the Missionary Baptist. The indefinite call is the logical thing to do. Of course the Methodist churches have their pastor sent to them. The plan works well for them. There is no preacher picking out the strong church and refusing the little weak church. The pastor takes what he is sent to in the Methodist denomination. And there is no fussing nor politicking among the members about getting their pastor. But I am sure that pastors can be called by the church—the local congregation—and be called with Christ as leader. The

carnal mind cannot do it. Read 1 Corinthians 3: 1-8. Too many churches are dominated by those who are carnal.

Divided by Whom?

Who is the creator of division? Certainly not Christ. He prayed for a "oneness" among Christians. Read John, the 17th chapter, and we find that Christ wants us to be one with the Father, as he is one, with the Father. It is the Devil that causes division. The Devil works on the carnal mind. "The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God" (Romans 8: 5-8). God is not the "author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (1 Corinthians 14: 33). So when there is "confusion" we know that the Devil is on the job.

Do You Know Where You Were Converted?

In talking to our much esteemed Elder J. W. Moore, who is now going on toward his ninetieth birthday, a few days ago, he said, "Brother Griffin, I know the time and place of conversion." Then he went on to tell of the great revival meeting and he said, "In less than ten minutes after I surrendered my life to Christ I felt the best that I had ever felt, and now sometimes that good feeling goes all through me." We are praising the Lord for the grace that changes a sinner from a condemned person to a trusting saint, and gives the evidence. "The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8: 16 R. V.). Have you the witness that you have been saved? Do you have the Comforter? Christ said that he would "send him." Has he come to you, my dear reader? Praise God for a living, present, abiding, keeping, consoling Lord and Saviour. Yes, I know where I surrendered unto God and the "good feeling came right then."

Certificate of Incorporation

To All to Whom These Presents
Shall Come, Greetings:

I *Thad Eure*, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (four) sheets to be a true copy of "The Certificate of Incorporation" of *The Church Finance Association Incorporated*, and the probates thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office on the 24th day of April A. D., 1940.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand affixed my official seal.

Done in office, at Raleigh, this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord, 1940.

Secretary of State.
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

This is to certify that James A. Evans of Kenly, N. C., John W. Alford of Kenly, N. C., and L. H. Wetherington of Clarks, N. C., have associated themselves together for the purpose of forming an eleemosynary corporation and have complied with the conditions of membership hereinafter set out. Said association is formed under the Auspices of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina for the objects and purposes set forth:

1. That the name of said corporation shall be *The Church Finance Association, Incorporated*.

2. That the location of its principal office shall be in Kenly, Johnston County, North Carolina, with the privilege of establishing one or more branch offices within the State.

3. The objects for which said association is formed are as follows:

a. To finance or assist in financing church buildings and other denominational property with express stipulation that this section and the matters hereinafter set out apply

only to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina

b. To serve in the capacity of surety and to guarantee the payment of loans made to such Free Will Baptist organizations, for the purpose of financing denominational property, and in effect to underwrite such payments.

c. To finance or assist in financing the purchase or repair of equipment, furniture, or other personal property that may be necessary to the furtherance of the work and purpose of any such Free Will Baptist institution as above stated.

d. To extend the denominational work in home missions and church building in communities where such institutions are now located or where the location of the same would be expedient or useful.

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4. This association is primarily for the upbuilding of Free Will Baptist Institutions and there is to be no capital stock. Membership in the association is predicted upon the payment to it each month of a minimum sum of one dollar as dues and no member shall be required to assume financial responsibility in ex-

cess of the actual dues he has paid into the association.

5. It is the purpose of the association to further the religious education of the public by lending its support to the strengthening of Free Will Baptist Institutions and the creation of new institutions where the same may be feasible. The directors and officers hereof shall serve without salary in return for their services and no member can be the recipient of financial gain or profit by reason of his membership. Any profits realized by the association shall be used for the extension and enlargement of the association enterprise and inure to the benefit of the association only, and no part of any profits derived shall be distributed among the membership. The by-laws shall be adopted at the initial meeting of the membership.

Witness our hands and seals this 24th day of April, 1940.

James A. Evans (SEAL)

John W. Alford (SEAL)

L. H. Wetherington (SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA,
JOHNSTON COUNTY.

This is to certify that on this April 24th, 1940, personally appeared before me James A. Evans, John W. Alford, and L. H. Wetherington, who, I am satisfied, are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation of *The Church Finance Association, Incorporated*, and I, having made known to each of them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN THE TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 24th day of April, 1940.

(Notarial Seal) Elwin Watson,
Notary Public

My commission expires the
25th day of March, 1942.

Filed April 24, 1940

Thad Eure,

Secretary of State

Attention!

Dear Brother:

In starting The Church Finance Association, Incorporated, we realize that a very few people have enough money that they could put down any large amounts at once. Therefore, The Church Finance Association, Incorporated, was founded on monthly installments. In order for us to carry out our mission, it is necessary that these memberships be carried out as near as complete as it lies within our power to do so.

The treasurer's books showed on the 10 of July that you were behind for the month of July. Perhaps it has been an oversight on your part or maybe you forgot the treasurer's address. It is Rev. M. L. Johnson, Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.

If you have mailed your remittance before this letter reaches you, please regard this as greetings.

Yours very truly,

L. H. Wetherington,
Secretary of the Church
Finance Association, Inc.

Letter Concerning Church Finance Association

Dear Baptist Readers:

This is to let you know that our people, as a whole, have taken hold of the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, in a marvelous way. There are very few individuals who have failed to give us 100% co-operation. The major portion of all the people whom we have talked to have expressed themselves very favorably toward the Church Finance Association, Incorporated.

We were not charted in the state of North Carolina until April 24, 1940, and it took almost a month to get everything lined up and to begin operating as fully as we felt we should. So, on May 27, 1940 we really began operation. From that time to the first of June, including June 1 payments, our membership had rolled up to \$289.00 of which we are very grateful to each individual.

We wish to inform all of our read-

ers that we are taking every step of precaution to operate this organization successfully.

We will be glad for anyone who is interested to contact our president, Rev. James A. Evans, and either of us will do our best to give you the information that you may want.

The following is a list of people who have subscribed to the membership up to June 24, 1940.

Yours very truly,

L. H. Wetherington,
Secretary

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

(North Carolina)

J. A. Evans, Middlesex; M. E. Godwin, Dunn; L. H. Wetherington, New Bern; T. E. Beaman, Goldsboro; W. G. Wilson, Bladenboro; Lee Thomas, Four Oaks; Kirby West, Dunn; W. A. William, Smithfield; M. L. Johnson, Route 3, Goldsboro; G. C. Joyner, Smithfield; W. A. Jackson, Route 5, Dunn; W. A. Powell, Smithfield; W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa; W. B. Crumpler, Goldsboro; J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton.

J. W. Alford, Kenly; State Auxiliary Convention, Winterville; E. G. Holland, Kenly; Chester Pelt, Greenville; Ladies Advance Class, Dunn; Allen Aldridge, La Grange; Mrs. H. E. Stewart, New Bern; Mrs. Rosa B. Worley, Selma; M. Hinnant, Micro; R. R. Talton, Smithfield; R. E. Thomas, Smithfield; L. E. Phillips, Smithfield; M. V. Avery, Selma.

W. H. Lancaster, Smithfield; B. L. Godwin, Pine Level; James L. Peedin, Selma; Joe Hinnant, Kenly; W. Luther Kerby, Kenly; H. G. Watson, Kenly; Reedy Branch L. A. Society, Winterville; H. J. Corbett, Micro; Marlboro F. W. B. L. A. Society, 501 Grimmersburg Street, Farmville; Mrs. W. C. Sasser, 307 Richardson Street, Selma; W. H. Langdon, Benson; Bethel F. W. B. Church, Four Oaks.

Melvin V. Starling, Smithfield; Hopewell Church, Smithfield; Levi Hill, Route 2, Snow Hill; F. W. B. Press, Ayden (C. K. Dunn); Shady Grove Sunday School, Dunn (Iris Grey Westbrook); W. C. Sutton, Cove City; Shady Grove L. A. Society, Route 5, Dunn (Alice I. Jackson); Benjamin Casey, Route 3, Goldsboro; L. T. Powell, Pikeville; C. F. Fields, Pikeville; Bessie and Ora Vail, Pikeville; Union Grove Aid, Fremont (Mrs. Floyd Morris).

Norman Dail, Winterville; E. W. Smith, Route 2, Greenville; E. W. Braxton, Winterville; Mrs. Sarah Braxton, Winterville; R. P. Harris, Box 229, Kinston; Mrs. R. W. Smith, Ayden; H. H. Worthington, Winterville; J. T. Bundy, Farmville; Kings Cross Road Sunday School of L. A., Route 2, Farmville (Fulford, Supt.); C. A. Fitzgerald, Micro; A. F. Bowen, Smith-

field; M. E. Tyson, Pikeville; Sarah B. Morris, Route 1, Fremont; F. A. Morris, Route 1, Fremont; D. B. Morris, Fremont; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fleming, Box 5, Pikeville; R. L. Fleming, Pikeville.

Kenly L. A. Society, Kenly (Mrs. Bernard Ferrell); J. E. and Mrs. Harris, 608 E. Caswell Street, Kinston; John Taylor, 315 King Street; Mary E. Rider; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Hotel Kinston, Kinston; Mrs. W. B. Ryder, Route 2, Box 4, Kinston; William Howard Carter, 711 E. Pow Street, Goldsboro; A. M. Heath, Goldsboro; C. S. Hinnant; Mrs. G. P. Best, Pikeville; R. J. Fields, Route 2, Pikeville; Hardy Talton, Pikeville; W. R. Williams, Kenly; C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro.

News from Loyal Chapel

Loyal Chapel at Columbia, Tennessee, was organized on November 9, 1940 with 51 charter members. Rev. J. B. Bloss was called as pastor. We met in the basement of one of the member's homes for about four months. There were 52 people converted while we were meeting in the basement. In the meantime we had purchased a lot and were erecting a building for our church. It was completed and we moved in on the First Sunday in May, 1939.

We have had many trials but great success has come to us in the work. Brother E. M. Grubbs served the church as pastor from June until October, 1939. Rev. J. B. Bloss was called again for our pastor for the year, beginning October, 1939. The lot and building together with the fixtures are worth \$1700. We owe approximately \$500 on it now. We have an active Sunday School and Ladies Aid Society.

We have regular or full time preaching services at eleven o'clock in the morning and 7:30 services in the evening each Sunday. We have just closed a revival meeting which was conducted by Rev. Arlo Pepper of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The church was greatly revived, and 21 souls were saved, and 4 reclaimed, and 15 joined the church. This church is a member of the Progressive Association.

We are asking that the Christian people pray that our church might be a soul saving station for God.

R. A. Parrish, Church Clerk

Home Coming Celebration

The revival of Free Union Church, Wake County, opens with a homecoming day on Sunday, August 4, 1940. We want everybody to come and be with us. The former pastors and members living away from the church, local members and visitors are urged to attend this homecoming day affair, and let us worship together.

A special invitation is extended to all of the former pastors, as well as all former members are requested to attend. We will have an all-day service with dinner on the grounds. Come and enjoy the day with us.

Respectfully,

Nadine Woodlief

Ashland City Liberally Supports Educational Program

The pastor and the membership of the Free Will Baptist Church at Ashland City, Tennessee, resolved that their church should contribute \$100.00 to the general education fund of the denomination. A special service was announced for the evening of Sunday, June 23, and a special educational program was planned for that date. At the close of the program a cash offering was taken and pledges were accepted from those who were not prepared at the moment to make cash contributions. The result was as follows:

Cash offering	\$ 25.50
Pledges to be paid before the meeting of the National Association	60.00
Contributions already sent in by members of Ashland City Church	25.00
Total	\$110.50

The Ashland City Church has fewer than one hundred members, many of whom are children. No member is rich. The spirit of progress and devoted loyalty is there, however, with an awareness of our educational need.

I have not witnessed recently so heartening an example.

William H. Oliver

When I Take My Vacation Up There

Many people whom I know, going here and there,
Are taking their vacation they say;

But the best one for me will be over death's sea.

When I take my vacation up there.

Won't you take your vacation with me,
In the land of the happy and the free?

All the joy of my Lord I'll share
When I take my vacation up there.

When I go to my home, my heavenly Home,
To the mansion He's gone to prepare;

Oh, how happy I'll be when His dear face I'll see

When I take my vacation up there.

All vacations here below are soon ended you know,

Each one must return home again;

But this one will not end with the dearest of friends,

When we take our vacation up there.

—By J. E. Ingalls

Carteret Union Report

Our union met with Holly Springs Church on June 30, 1940. The program was as follows: Song and devotional service led by Rev. W. E. Anderson. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. E. Anderson. The dinner was served by the local church.

In the afternoon the devotional services were conducted by Mr. Leslie Styron. The business of the union was then transacted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll of churches was called. We then had some spec-

ial music rendered by Louise Bedsworth and Eugene Gaskill. Next was the report of the Sunday School Convention. A poem was given by Mr. Kenneth Gaskill. The petitions for the next union meeting were taken up and Davis was decided as the church for the next union meeting to convene. We then had the report of the treasurer. The temperance committee made their report.

We received at this union \$34.25, and brought forward from the last union \$6.00. The disbursements were as follows: To the Orphanage, \$5.00; to retired ministers, \$5.00; to foreign missions \$2; to home missions, \$3.00; to Zion Bible School, \$5.00; to Free Union Church, \$10; and to the secretary, \$2.30.

The union was the largest in attendance that has been in years.

Mrs. W. P. Purifoy, Secy.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Tues., July 23	Snow Hill	Duplin
Wed., July 24	Rooty Branch	Duplin
Thur., July 25	North East	Wayne
Fri., July 26	May's Chapel	Wayne
Sat., July 27	Casey's Chapel	Wayne
Mon., July 29	Goldsboro	Wayne
Tues., July 30	St. John	Wayne
Wed., July 31	LaGrange	Lenoir
Thur., Aug. 1	White Oak Grove	Lenoir
Fri., Aug. 2	Daly's Chapel	Lenoir
Sat., August 3	St. Paul	Sampson
Mon., August 5	Oak Grove	Sampson
Tues., August 6	Shady Grove	Sampson
Wed., Aug. 7	Robert's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 8	Corinth	Sampson
Fri., August 9	Lee's Chapel	Sampson
Sat., Aug. 10	Pleasant Grove	Harnett
Mon., August 12	Prospect	Harnett
Tues., Aug. 13	Bethel	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 14	St. Mary's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 15	Hopewell	Johnston
Fri., Aug. 16	Johnston Union	Johnston
Sat., August 17	Powhatan	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 19	Tee's Chapel	Johnston
Tues., August 20	Riverside	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 21	Pine Level	Johnston
Thur., Aug. 22	Rains X Roads	Johnston
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Notice

North Carolina Aid Societies

At our State Auxiliary Convention which convened in Bladenboro in May it was voted to ask all Aid Societies to pay the expense of their pastor \$5.00 to the Pittman Memorial Pastors' Institute to be held at Davis the second week in August.

Ladies, please do not fail your pastors in this for it is something every pastor in our state should be privileged to attend. He will be a better pastor and preacher by having been there. Do your best financially and pray for a successful Institute.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Pres.*,

N. C. State Aux. Convention

Report of Convention

The District Auxiliary Convention was held at Corinth Church in the Martin Association on the Second Sunday in April. The following program was given:

Songs—*He Keeps Me Singing*
I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go.

Prayer—Mrs. Oscar Newberry
Welcome Address—Mr. W. L. Cleveland.

Response—Mrs. Oscar Newberry
Minutes of last minutes read.
Song—*Tell Me the Story of Jesus.*
Prayer—Rev. H. L. Catrett.

Preaching Service—Rev. H. L. Catrett.
Lunch.

Afternoon Session

Song—*Hold the Fort.*
Special Music—Rev. Catrett.
Song—*The Morning Is Breaking.*
Devotions—Mrs. Fred Chambers
Prayer—Mrs. Jessie Pickron.
Reports from Circles.
Program—Corinth Circle.

It was moved and carried that the next convention be held with Bellview Church on the Third Sunday in September. Two dollars were received for convention dues, and \$1.20 collected for foreign missions. Prayer was offered at the closing of the meeting.

Mrs. Oscar Newberry, *Pres.*,

Mrs. Fred Chambers, *Secy.*

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. L. E. Ambrose for its regular monthly meeting which was called to order by the president. Song number 60 was sung. The scripture lesson was taken from 26th chapter of Leviticus, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated by all.

After the business period was over, the following activities were entered into. The roll was called with 11 members present and 4 visitors were present. One new member was added to our Aid, Mrs. Eddie Furlough. The dues amounted to \$1.65; birthday dues, 50 cents; sick visits, 95; trays 31; flowers 8; Bible chapters read 213.

After the business was over the meeting was turned over to the Stewardship Committee. An interesting chapter was read concerning the widow who was in debt. After the program was over the meeting was adjourned to meet with Mrs. Davenport in August. A delicious course was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, *Cor.-Secy.*

Annual Aid Report of Stancil's Chapel

We organized our Aid Society last year on June 9, and this is the report for one year. There have been 607 chapters-read in the Bible; 212 sick

visits made; milk given away, 63; 20 trays; three vases of flowers carried to the sick.

We have paid in \$2.38 for birthday dues; 87 cents for eggs; \$7.20 for Skidos; \$6.85 for quilt; and \$15.56 for dues; making a total of \$32.86 paid in during the year. We have on hand \$1.82 flower money. We have paid our for rugs \$10.00; for church repairs, \$7.76, and we sent to the convention \$3.00, making a total of \$26.76 paid out. This leaves us now \$6.10 in the treasury.

Miss Cassie Narron, *Cor.-Secy.*

Missionary Society Report

The Kieth Missionary society of Keith Free Will Baptist church, Texas, met on Monday afternoon, June 17, 1940. The meeting was called to order, and the minutes were read, the dues paid in amounted to fifty cents. It was decided that the society adopt the birthday offering plan to help on the repairing of the church. A new goal of fifty dollars was set up by the society as its contribution.

The lesson read was taken from Haggai 1 and Malachi 1. The next lesson will be the study of Luke 5. The meeting was dismissed by a season of prayer.

Report of Activities

Sick visits made 23; bouquets sent 4; trays, 14; gallons of milk 11; chapters read in the Bible 175.

Mrs. Clyde Maxwell, *Secy.*

Beulaville Aid Report

Our Aid met in regular session on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in June with 19 members present. The dues paid were \$1.40; sick visits 10; 488 chapters read in the Bible.

The program given was as follows: Song, "What a Friend, Prayer was offered by Eugene Horne. The Scripture reading was by Grace Thomas. "Look to Jesus, by Myrtle Exum. "Learning Christ's Way," by Ruth Sanderson. Special song, "I Don't Want to Get Adjusted," by Myrtle and Mary Lynn Horne.

love," by Margaret Sanderson.
 "Love Somebody Else," by Dorothy
 Sanderson. Special song, "You Will Need
 Jesus Someday," by Opal Batchelor,
 Bertie Lessis and Verdine Thomas.
 Prayer for Faith," by Myrtle
 Thomas. "The Continuing Task,"
 Georgie Mae Everton. The lesson
 read by Kathleen Lanier.

The program committee elected
 as Mrs. Lucas Exum and Dinnie
 Sanderson. After the closing song
 were dismissed by Mrs. Gertie
 Everton.

Myrtle Thomas

Kings Cross Roads Ladies Aid Quarterly Report

The L. A. S. of Kings Cross Roads
 church wishes to submit the follow-
 ing report for the past three months.
 Balance brought forward

from April	\$19.86
Amount dues paid	9.30
Amount for brooms	1.20
Amount for pencils	.50
Total	\$30.86

Disbursements

Education	\$ 5.00
Amount to convention	1.00
Secretary and Treasurer	
books	2.00
Total	\$ 8.00
Balance in Treasury	22.86

Activities

Chapters read	1053
Book visits made	146
Days to sick	9
Days of fruit	7
Alk given away (quarts)	22
Flowers given	24

Birthday Box

Balance in Box April 1st	\$5.23
Aid out for (1) funeral de-	
sign	2.00
Balance in Box	3.23

We have a very good aid, but we
 are asking that all Christians pray

for us that we may do more and bet-
 ter work for the Lord in the future.

Mrs. Blanche Tugwell, *Pres.*,

Mrs. W. M. Corbett, *Secy.*

Attention Aids of the Cen- tral District

I was at the Orphanage a short
 time ago, and was talking with Miss
 Daugherty. She told me that Miss
 Ruth Craft (one of the girls) had
 planned to enter college this fall, but
 had almost abandoned the idea, since
 she could not get anyone to be re-
 sponsible for her books and clothes.
 The other things are taken care of.

After thinking it over I told her
 not to abandon the idea, for I felt
 that the Central District would re-
 spond to this cause. I am praying
 that some way will be made to help
 this deserving girl. I have talked
 with different Aid members, and
 they seem to be interested, and some
 have responded with a donation.
 Reedy Branch was the first to re-
 spond. Since I am afraid that I
 cannot visit your Aid before the
 money was needed, so I am taking
 this method of reaching you through
 the Baptist paper in an appeal to
 help this girl to go to college.

If you are interest in Miss Ruth
 Craft's future, will you as an Aid
 get busy right away and help her
 in this respect? Send a donation to
 me for her. It will be greatly ap-
 preciated. The books will cost for
 the year about \$25. All money will
 be turned in to the Treasurer, and
 a check will be sent to Miss Daugh-
 erty for Ruth. Please send your
 donations early, as the necessary
 money will be needed when she en-
 ters college.

A list of the donations will appear
 in the Baptist, showing the amounts
 and what Aids contributed to this
 worthy cause. I am planning to vis-
 it your Aid during the year. If you
 will drop me a card when your meet-
 ing is dated, I will appreciate it very
 much.

Mrs. Joe Barber, *District Pres.*,
 Maury, N. C.

A Prayer

Blessed Jesus, Thou hast kept us,
 Safely through another day;
 For Thy mercies we are thankful
 All along our homeward way.

For we are but weary travelers,
 Trudging down the road of life;
 Help us to be true and faithful
 In this world of toil and strife.

May our lives be of service
 While here on earth we stay;
 Help us always to be mindful
 Of the Straight and Narrow Way.

When at last our work is ended,
 And we sleep beneath the sod;
 May we find a home in heaven,
 And our spirit be with God.

Olive Roberson,

Ayden, N. C.

The Christian's Greatest Task

(Continued from page three)

loving Saviour, who is willing and
 anxious to save everyone who comes
 to Him.

A friend sent me the following
 which I prize very highly:

"Be ashamed to die until you have
 achieved some victory for human-
 ity" and then I continue in the words
 of the poet:

"Must I go and empty-handed, thus
 my dear Redeemer meet? Not one
 day of service give Him, lay no trophy
 at His feet?"

"Must I go and empty-handed,
 must I meet my Saviour so? Not
 one soul with which to greet Him,
 must I empty-handed go?" Let us
 pray:

Dear Lord, awaken us as Chris-
 tians and help us to be about our
 "Father's business." Oh! Jesus,
 help us to live Thee before a lost
 humanity. May our lives be invit-
 ing lives. For thy sake. Amen.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Weighing Consequences

(Lesson for July 28)

Lesson: Proverbs 1: 7-10; Isaiah 5: 11, 12, 18-23; Galatians 6: 7-9.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come"* (1 Timothy 4: 8).

"It does not pay" is what most people say about Godliness. In Philadelphia a well-dressed man spoke to Mr. Moody in a hotel. He told how he had gone into the inquiry room many years before; but the very same night after he had gotten away from those who were beseeching him to be reconciled to God, he had come to the conclusion that it would not pay. While he was telling all this he clenched his fist and then finished with these words, "Since then I have hated Him."

"Tell me, why is it that you fellows who hate God always come for help to somebody who loves Him?" was the question the superintendent of the Bowery Mission asked a man who wanted an overcoat recently. What the man said to the superintendent was, "I need an overcoat; before you give it to me let me tell you that I hate preachers and churches; do I get my overcoat?" To say the least Godliness is profitable to the ungodly. That is not only true in connection with our missionaries, it is just as true of hospitals, colleges, libraries, playgrounds and parks.

It is not sensible to sin. Wisdom cries aloud, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." The warnings of the Word are the highway markings of a kindly Sovereign who would prevent, if He could, every accident, every wreck.—*H. M. H.*

I. HOME WORK

1. What indulgence seems to have been back of the sin of Nadab and Abihu? (Leviticus 10: 1-11, note especially vs. 9).

2. In what did the vow of the Nazarite consist? (Num. 6: 2-8).

3. What was God's command concerning Samson's training before the child was born? (Judges 13: 4, 5).

4. What should be the Christian's attitude toward a church member who is a drunkard? (1 Corinthians 5:11).

5. What do the Scriptures teach about the destiny of the drunkard? (1 Corinthians 6: 10).

6. Instead of intoxicating liquor, with what should the Christian be filled? (Ephesians 5: 18).

7. What quality is essential in the struggle for the mastery over one's body? (1 Corinthians 9: 25).

II. PRACTICAL POINTS

1. The best instruction a home can give is instruction in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1: 7).

2. Parental instruction is usually designed for youthful protection (vs. 8).

3. Playing with temptation will increase the danger of yielding to it (vs. 10).

4. The "woes" pronounced upon the drunkard should be sufficient to cause him to say "whoa!" to the temptation [Isaiah 5: 11].

5. The drink habit is a waste of time (vs. 11). "Morning . . . until night."

6. The drink habit impairs physical health—"inflammeth them" (vs. 11).

7. The drink habit is accompanied by debased appetites—sensual enjoyment instead of the service of the Lord (vs. 12).

8. The drink habit develops foolish boasters—"mighty to drink wine" (vs. 22).

9. The drink habit gives rise to perverted judgment—"justify the wicked" (vs. 23).

10. Every evil indulgence is sure to receive its proper penalty in due time (Galatians 6:7-9).—*J. C. T.*

11. Study our quarterlies for many other timely truths.

III. LESSON ILLUSTRATIONS

1. It is said that Edward Dunbar, author of the hymn, "There's a Light in the Window for Thee, Brother," sleep's in a pauper's grave at Coffeyville, Kansas, where he died a tramp in jail. One night he called at the Coffeyville jail for shelter. He was sick, and the authorities took him in, and the next day he died. Some good people erected a marble slab over his grave, on which these words were inscribed: "Here lies Edward Dunbar, who wrote 'There's a Light in the Window for Thee, Brother.' Thousands have sung that pathetic song. How sad to think that poor Edward Dunbar ended his career in darkness, and saw only the light that came through a prison window as he was about to close his earthly life. Drink, it is said, was the cause of his fall."

2. *What Was Wrong?*—Miss Ruth Paxson tells of a store in which pilfering amongst the employees had become common. Several had been discharged. Then, quite an exceptional girl was engaged. She came from a good home, had a fine appearance, and seemed in every way trustworthy. Still articles were missed and when, at last, some were found in her possession, the employer said, "I'm surprised that a girl of your bringing up should do such a thing. Have you no sense of right or wrong?" "Right and wrong!" she burst out, "nobody thinks of right and wrong these days. You're either clever or stupid. I was stupid and found out!"

This was life seen through the eyes of a modern Miss, and with such a viewpoint go all the vices of reckless living. Ours the unspeakable joy of knowing and loving and

preaching the right, and gathering
"fruit unto life eternal" (John 4:
36).—*Selected.*

Registration for Camp Leach

Registrations are coming in pretty fast at this time. At present we have 10 registered, whose names are below. From now on they will come in steadily. Be sure to get yours in on time.

Louis Bennett, registering with the senior group, was the first camper to send in his blank and one dollar. Mr. Bennet is a member of the league at Hansley's Chapel Church, Durham County.

Those registering thus far are:

Louis Bennett, Ruth Hinson, Margaret Lewis, Hilda Lewis, Geraldine Joyner, Doris Glenn, Annie Rae Westbrook, David Hinson, Martha Moore Dail, and Babs Williford.

Two are seniors, six are intermediates, and two are juniors.

Six of the above are from the Central Conference, two from the Cape Fear Association, and two from the Western Association.

Less than one month Camp Leach will be in session. Write now for registration blank and get in the number who will be assured of entrance.

Clarence Bowen,
Camp Registrar

I Never Shall Forget

The night was thick and cloudy
I never shall forget;
In memory still it haunts me
A voice I've heard till yet.

My heart was burdened heavy,
For those I loved so well;
The life they were a-living
Led many into hell.

When quietly in the morning
Just before the break of day;
heard some little footsteps
Tramping bold on their way.

Then my heart it seemed was breaking,

As a trembling voice did speak:
"Have you seen my Mom or Daddy
For they left us while asleep?"

"We know not why they left us
Or where they've gone to stay;
But won't you go home with us
And be up there till day?"

If you would see that picture
That Jesus showed to me;
Dear God, may this be possible
For their "Mom" and Dad to see.

Their little eyes were shining
While my prayers were heaven-bound;
To the Lord I begged to spare them
Till their "Mom" and Dad were found.

Their little hands were folded
As they stood there in their gowns;
Trying hard to keep from crying,
Yet their hearts were breaking down.

May I tell you "Mom" and Daddy
While it is yet not too late;
By his word you are bound to suffer
And your heart is sure to ache.

You may think you would not miss them,
If from you the Lord should take,
But my friend you are going to answer
When you meet your dreadful fate.
R. L. Canady,
Durham, North Carolina

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Date	Church	County
Mon., July 15	Union Grove	Wayne
Tues., July 16	Pleasant Grove	Wayne
Wed., July 17	Spring Hill	Wayne
Thurs., July 18	Stoney Creek	Wayne
Fri., July 19	Antioch	Wayne
Sat., July 20	Hull Road	Greene
Mon., July 22	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Tues., July 23	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Wed., July 24	Free Union	Greene
Thurs., July 25	Friendship	Greene

Fri., July 26	Marlboro	Pitt
Sat., July 27	Grimsley	Greene
Mon., July 29	St.'s Delight	Greene
Tues., July 30	Little Creek	Greene
Wed., July 31	Elm Grove	Pitt
Thur., August 1	Ayden	Pitt
Fri., August 2	Rose Hill	Pitt
Sat., August 3	Black Jack	Pitt
Mon., August 5	Winterville	Pitt
Tues., Aug. 6	Reedy Branch	Pitt
Wed., August 7	Bethany	Pitt
Thur., Aug. 8	Piney Grove	Pitt
Fri., Aug. 9	Greenville	Pitt
Sat., Aug. 10	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Mon., Aug. 12	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Aug. 13	Hickory Grove	Pitt
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Thur., Aug. 22	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Fri., Aug. 23	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe
Sat., Aug. 24	Barnes Hill	Nash
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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Elder W. T. Pollard, a faithful minister of the gospel of Christ in the Free Will Baptist Church, for about fifty years, was called to his eternal reward on May 3, 1940, and God in His wisdom having seen fit to call him at this time, Be It Resolved:

First, That the Union meeting of the Second District of the Central Conference, of which he was a faithful member, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well;

Second, That we cherish his memory and seek to be as faithful to our heavenly Father as he was; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy to the Baptist paper and a copy be spread on the minutes of this Union meeting records.

This done by order of the Union in session at Hickory Grove Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Alexander,
C. J. Harris,
Mrs. J. H. Harris, Comm.

NOBLES—On Sunday p. m. April 28, 1940, God saw fit to take my father, W. A. Nobles, to home with him.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Clifton Rice and Rev. J. R. Bennett, after which his body was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers in the Winter-ville Cemetery. He was seventy-four years old, and had been married to Emma Dail fifty-one years. He had ten children, twenty-four grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

Father was a faithful member of Moseley's Creek Church. We all miss him so much when we go to church, for he was always there when he was able to attend. He taught me the same. He was a former member of Piny Grove Church in Pitt County.

I hope that we all may meet father in a better land some day.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Luther Powell

Tennessee F. W. Baptist Orphanage Report

(SECOND QUARTER, 1940)

April, May and June

(This report does not include any money received after June 30th, 1940)

R E C E I P T S

Union Association

Mt. Carmel	\$43.02
Elizabethton	40.00
Liberty	30.80
Martin's Chapel (Erwin)	22.25
Central F. W. B. Church (Johnson City)	15.00
Wooddale	12.00
Greenville	10.00
Unicoi	10.00
New Liberty	9.50
Holly Springs	9.00
Little Doe	8.35
Moore's Chapel	7.00
Van Hill	7.00
New Prospect	6.89
Midway	6.35
Forest Grove	6.00
Gregg's Chapel	6.00
Grey Stone	6.00
Koenburg	5.00
Mt. Mariah	4.98
Oak Grove	4.50
Oak Hill	4.50
Valley View	4.50
Lowe's Chapel	4.00
Watauga Valley	4.00
Harris Memorial	3.00
Phipp's Bend	2.25
Joseph's Chapel	1.66
New Home	1.00
Eastern Quarterly Meeting	26.13
Central Quarterly Meeting	17.75
Northern Quarterly Meeting	5.00
Western Quarterly Meeting	4.00

Total from Union Association.....\$347.43

Cumberland Association

Cofer's Chapel	\$74.82
Ashland City	33.00
New Hope	29.19
Bethel	28.00
Good Springs	22.05
Mt. Zion	16.35
Bethlehem	15.46
Oak Grove	10.00
East Nashville	8.97
Olivet	8.14
Friendship	8.00
Mt. Pleasant	6.75
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Shady Grove	2.00
Oak Wood	.50
Ladies Auxiliary Convention	158.81

Total from Cumberland Assn.....\$427.04

Stone Association

Shady Grove	\$ 6.
Gentry's Chapel	5.
Ozoin	3.
Pleasant Ridge	3.
Total from Stone Association	\$17.

Virginia State

Sun Bright Quarterly Meeting	\$ 5.
Hoover's Chapel	4.
Big Springs	3.
Wood Way	3.
Austin Chapel	2.
Rock Lick	2.
Council	\$1.

Total from Virginia.....\$22.

Miscellaneous

Entertainment from visitors	\$43
Fugate Estate (Rock Wood)	26
Rev. Loyd Light and Family	4
A. H. Browning	3
Martin Union, Georgia	2
Woodmen of the World (Rockwood)	2
Farm products	1

Total from Miscellaneous.....\$82.

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS.....\$896

Commodities Received Valued

L. A. Convention Cumberland Association (machine)	\$110
Midway (Canned goods and clothing for Alice)	15
Greenville (Clothing for Jack)	6
Erwin (Clothing for Alice)	6
East Nashville (Clothing for Trula)	1
Grey Stone (Clothing for Hubert)	1
Mt. Mariah (Clothing for Dean)	1
Mrs. G. T. Harris (Dress for Trula)	1
New Home (Clothing for Trula)	1

Total Value of Commodities.....\$143

Disbursements

Groceries	\$ 6.
Labor on farm (fencing, clearing, and general work)	5.
Hardware (wire and truck, fertilizer, etc.)	6.
Office Supplies and Postage	4.
Feed and feed crushing	4.
Gas and oil	5.
Electric Current	1.
Truck Payments and Servicing	8.
Medical Supplies	1.
Dry Goods	1.
Toilet and Laundry Supplies	1.
Baby Chicks	1.
Insurance and Repairs	1.
Purchase of land (by Trustees)	2.

Bus fare (in interest of Fugate)	
children	3.00
Miscellaneous, barber, etc.	7.95
Salaries	259.50
Total Disbursements for Quarter	\$698.46
Deficit from last quarter	140.47
Grand total paid out for quarter	\$838.93
Balance on hand July 1, 1940	57.33
TOTAL	\$896.26

I. L. STANLEY, Supt.

Central Conference Ministers Meet, Snow Hill, N. C.

The third bi-monthly meeting of the Ministers of the Central Conference met at the home of Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, North Carolina, Friday, July 5th, and transacted the following business:

On motion Rev. N. Bruce Barrow of Kinston serve as chairman in the absence of Rev. C. J. Harris of Greenville who is president of the Ministers' Association.

On motion the "On to Chicago Committee" be asked to proceed at once with thorough and systematic planning of their services to the end that the largest possible number of our ministers be informed of the benefits arising from attendance upon the "Founder's Week Conference in Moody Bible Institute, and encourage them to attend if possible.

On motion the secretary be authorized to ascertain if there are Ministerial Associations in other conferences or associations and communicate with them, informing them of the "On to Chicago Program" and invite them to join us and co-operate with us in the movement.

On motion we meet Thursday afternoon, August 15th, at Davis, N. C. and decide when and where the next meeting will be held and how often.

On motion the committee arrange and present persons to represent advantages of attending the Confer-

ence at Moody and that a person be appointed to present arrangements being made to encourage our ministers to attend, transportation plans to be included.

On motion we extend to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Moye a rising vote of thanks for the very fine way they entertained us.

An offering which amounted to

\$2.65 was taken to take care of the Secretary's expense.

Those attending the meeting were: Revs. N. B. Barrow, R. P. Harris, M. A. Woodard, L. R. Ennis, R. H. Mason, W. B. Nobles, L. B. Manning, J. C. Moye, Loy E. Ballard, W. L. Moretz, and "Ma" Lil' Smith.

R. P. Harris, Secretary

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my glory into shame? how long will ye love
vanity, and seek after leasing [falsehood]?
Seh-lah.

Fa. 12.2; 31.6, 18; 69.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord;
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent
[come before] thee.

Fa. 5.3; 119.147.

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Howe'er gigantic be the strife;
But this thought pleases best of all—
Lord art Thou of the very small.

No matter how great be my goal,
'Tis little tasks make up the whole,
And the sure knowledge that thou art
The Lord of each gives to my heart
The strength to face them one by one
Until the larger task is done.

When 'tis completed, I agree
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I thank thee for it as a whole,
But deep down in my toiling soul
My gratitude the greater clings
To Thee as Lord of little things.

—William Ludlum

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Attention!

The third Union District of the Western Association will hold its regular Sunday School Rally on July 28, at 2:30 at the West Hillsboro Church. The speaker for the day will be Mr. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage. Some of the children will render special music.

The officers for the coming year will be elected.

Everyone is welcome, all teachers and officers of Sunday Schools are urged to be present.

L. S. Joyner, *President*,
Annie Belle Price, *Secy.*

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Through Texas

By T. H. Willey

The testimony of Paul regarding the believers of Corinth can be aptly applied to our people in Texas. "I must tell you, brothers, how the favor of God has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, for in spite of a severe ordeal of trouble, their extraordinary gladness, has overflowed in a wealth of generosity. For they have given to the utmost of their ability, as I can bear witness, and beyond it."

Leaving Huntsville, Texas, the night of June 16th and driving over to Edge where Mrs. Willey and the children were resting and getting ready for the trip Eastward. We had just time enough to pack and be on our way stopping over in Bryan just long enough to say howdy, and good bye.

We were truly grateful for the rest of our dear friends, the Davidsons, made possible for the family at Edge. Our visit with them was one long to be remembered. Brother Bob Wiggs is pastor of the Edge Church. The morning of the 17th we were on our way to Fort Worth Texas. We spent the night with Brother and Sister Warkentin who had made every arrangement for our comfort and entertainment. That evening we met with a fine group of young people. The next morning we sped onward to be with Brother Tiff Covington at Buffalo Springs, Texas. Brother Tiff has one of the finest rural churches I have ever visited. This consecrated pastor and his family have a wonderful reputation throughout that part of the country. Brother Tiff would fit about anywhere he might be placed and stay put till something happened. We had two great services in an immense gymnasium, one could not have asked for a larger crowd in a big city. The school grounds was packed with cars. We were a little concerned about the time of start-

ing as it was about nine o'clock and the people were still coming but they all seemed to be unconcerned about that. Leaving with a hearty blessing from pastor and people and a fine offering we drove across to Wheatherford, the great peach and watermellon center of Texas, to be with Brother Brooks. We were there just one night. This church is one of the oldest Free Will Baptist churches in that part of the state. We had a short but very pleasant visit with Brother Brooks and his people. Then after the service we drove back to Fort Worth. The country surrounding Ft. Worth is just about as beautiful as one would desire to see stretching for miles around are the wide open spaces and rolling hills dotted with white-faced cattle.

Sunday morning we were with Brother and Sister Sutton and their dear people at Trinity F. W. Baptist church. Brother Sutton has a fine growing church. We were happy to see so many improvements, almost a new church remodeled out of the original Tabernacle and a great crowd of folk present. Then we preached Sunday night at the First Free Will Baptist Church to a fine crowd, so we shuttled back and forth between the two churches. We had a fine crowd at both churches. Monday night we were back at Trinity, and Brother Sutton got on his printing apron and ran off some attractive dodgers and we had a great crowd, for folk stood around the sides of the building. Brother Sutton is a very excellent pulpiteer and a fine organizer. I feel I should mention Brother Weir and his fine photo developing business. He has a mail order photo developing plant with films sent from the far places of the world as well as all over the states send them to Westex Photo Lab., Ft. Worth Texas.

Our next stand was with Brother Newscome, pastor of Silver Creek Church. Brother Hodges, one of our old land-marks and Brother Warkentin. Mrs. Willey and I drove out to the church and were surprised again with a lovely group of people and a fine offering. It was a real joy to be with Brother Tom Newscome again. Brother Newscome is so youthful it does not seem strange to call him, Brother Tom. His hair is silvery white but his form is straight and stalwart. Brother Tom is a student. I was impressed when I met this old school master and preacher with two volumes of Websters Unabridged dictionaries under his arms. There are two books that will make a great preacher, combined of course with the elements of good sense and diligent study, The Bible and Webster's Dictionary. These two books are the tools which the preacher must work. We visited in Brother Newscome's home and met his fine family, and wished that we might have a cottage within hollering distance when we might call over, "Let's go fishing, Brother Tom."

I cannot do justice to these fine men in and around Ft. Worth, the Warkentins especially denied themselves, gave up their good beds and slept on makeshift pallets, cooked, fussed over us and made us feel, truly, that which is ours belongs also to you. I am aware that it means much for a traveling preacher to come in on a housewife and a family and especially a preacher with his whole family, we go to many places reluctantly because of this. We shall long remember the hospitality of these dear friends of Foreign Missions. The First Church of Ft. Worth has a rather unique method of raising missionary funds. Three per cent of all monies coming into

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EDITORIAL

Many of the North Carolina leaguers are now looking forward to attending the summer camp at Camp Leach near Washington during the week of August 4-10. It is expected that the camp will be well attended this time. The young leaguers can look forward to a splendid week of recreation, Bible study, spiritual devotions and fellowship meetings.

Those who will be in charge of the camp activities are men and women who are splendid Christian leaders of the church and will direct the work as heretofore at the camp in a fine way. Much and lasting good should be derived by the leaguers and the faculty members while spending the week in study, devotions and fellowship together. It should serve to strengthen and build up great interest in league work. Let us hope that the camp will be well attended this season.

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The Pittman Memorial Institute for ministers and lay-workers will open on Sunday night, August 11, at Davis in Carteret County. Ministers and laymen are urged to attend this week of Bible study, devotions and spiritual messages. Plans should be made early to attend this summer institute. The work to be done is expected to be well worth the while of all who will attend the institute from August 11 to 18.

Several of the leading ministers in the State will give courses of study on different religious subjects. The fellowship of all in attendance for the week of study and friendly associations will be greatly uplifting. It is hoped that the institute will grow into something much larger and more helpful to the cause of the church as the years pass. We wish to urge every minister and lay-leader who possibly can to attend the institute this time.

5. Do you hold anything against anyone?
6. Do those around you have confidence in you?
7. Do you control your temper?
8. Do you attend places that you would not care for your pastor or friends to know about?
9. Are you planting in the life of your children that which will lead to noble manhood or womanhood?
10. Do you correct your children with force or kindness?
11. Do you realize your unworthiness in the sight of God?
12. Do you visit the sick and comfort them?
13. Do you give when your conscience tell you to?
14. If others speak well of you, is it because you deserve it?

Mrs. Troy Hickmon

So Long as There Are Homes

By Grace Noll Crowell

So long as there are homes to which men turn
At the close of day,
So long as there are homes where children are—
Where women stay,
If love and loyalty and faith be found
Across these sills,
A stricken nation can recover from Its gravest ills.
So long as there are homes where fires burn
And there is bread,
So long as there are homes where lamps are lit
And prayers are said;
Although a people falters through the dark
And nations grope,
With God himself back of these little homes
We still can hope.

—Selected.

"Law of Love to Man"

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets (Matt. 7: 12).

Honor thy father and thy mother: and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Matt. 19:19).

And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Matt. 22: 39).

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:31).

Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law!

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet;

and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law (Rom 13: 8, 10).

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. Mitchell

Questions for Consideration

1. Are you interested in the welfare of your fellowman?
2. Are you considerate of others?
3. Do you consider the impression it might make upon others before doing a thing?
4. Are you impressed by the life of a person lives, or what others say about them?



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard
P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

Take Note, Please!

We are asking someone in each league to send us the name and address of the President and Secretary of the league. Also, will all of you secretaries of district and associational F. W. B. L. conventions in North Carolina please give us names and addresses of the officers of your conventions. Purpose? Well, we want to publish a F. W. B. L. directory of North Carolina in these columns, and also print copies for those who wish them for information.

Next! We are anxious to find out what leagues will sponsor F. W. B. L. institutes this fall. The F. W. B. L. Manual will be taught and demonstration programs arranged. Where, there are two or more leagues close together, you could sponsor an institute together. We are going to invite two or three splendid league workers to assist in these institutes, and feel that we can make it worth-while to your league. Write us at the address given above.

Finally! What about that item of news you would like to see appear in these columns? Don't get too busy to send it in. We want to make this page as interesting as any page of the paper. We can if you will help. We want news from Leagues in every State. These are your columns, use them!

Last Call for Camp Leach!

Well, almost the last anyway. Have you registered? Better hurry up and send that blank to Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, North Carolina, with your \$1.00 registration fee. If you haven't a blank, send the \$1.00 and ask for a blank. We are sure Mr. Bowen will let the dollar register you, and you can hurry the blank right back. It is important that Mr. Bowen know as early as possible how many leaguers are planning to attend the camp so that he can let Mr. Melvin know how many to prepare for.

Twenty Years Ago,

a very interesting article from the pen of Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, appeared in this paper. In it Mrs. Lupton, who was the first Director of F. W. B. L. work, gives an account of the General Conference action, taken at Marshall, North Carolina, by which the F. W. B. L. was launched as a National Movement. "Our young people's work is now an established fact," announced Mrs. Lupton, and added, prophetically, "hereafter you young people will fill a very important place in our church life." Another expression which we quote from our copy of this article has indeed proven to have been prophetic, and was never more true than today: "Opportunities are opening for you that can never be given their true value." Mrs. Lupton gives the names of the first General Committee as Rev. J. L. Welsh, Chn., Mrs. Alice E. Lupton and L. E. Ballard.

Ten Weeks of Tithe Education

Any church may now put on a Ten Weeks' course of tithing education right in the midst of its other activities, and at a ridiculously small cost.

The Layman Comptany, which has distributed many millions of pamphlets on the tithe, now announces an attractive series, at so low a price that distribution to an entire church through ten weeks costs only three cents and a half per family.

A complete set of samples and full particulars will be sent for forty cents, this includes 31 eight-page pamphlets, 25 two-page tabloids, and one text book "The Scriptural Basis for the Tithe."

Please give your denomination;
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The Layman Company,
730 Rush Street,
Chicago

The Coin

Selected by J. T. Linton

Ben Adam had a golden coin one day,
Which he put out at interest with a Jew;

Until the doubled coin two pieces grew,

And these two, four—son on, till people said,
"How rich Ben Adam is!" and bowed the servile head.

Ben Selim had a golden coin that day,

Which to a stranger asking alms he gave,

Who went rejoicing on his unknown way.

Ben Selim died, too poor to own a grave,

But when his soul reached Heaven angels with pride

Showed him the wealth to which his coin had multiplied.—Anon.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	Country
Tues., July 23	Snow Hill	Duplin
Wed., July 24	Rooty Branch	Duplin
Thur., July 25	North East	Wayne
Fri., July 26	May's Chapel	Wayne
Sat., July 27	Casey's Chapel	Wayne
Mon., July 29	Goldsboro	Wayne
Tues., July 30	St. John	Wayne
Wed., July 31	LaGrange	Lenoir
Thur., Aug. 1	White Oak Grove	Lenoir
Fri., Aug. 2	Daly's Chapel	Lenoir
Sat., August 3	St. Paul	Sampson
Mon., August 5	Oak Grove	Sampson
Tues., August 6	Shady Grove	Sampson
Wed., Aug. 7	Robert's Grove	Sampson

Thur., August 8	Corinth	Sampson
Fri., August 9	Lee's Chapel	Sampson
Sat., Aug. 10	Pleasant Grove	Harnett
Mon., August 12	Prospect	Harnett
Tues., Aug. 13	Bethel	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 14	St. Mary's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 15	Hopewell	Johnston
Fri., Aug. 16	Johnston Union	Johnston
Sat., August 17	Powhatan	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 19	Tee's Chapel	Johnston
Tues., August 20	Riverside	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 21	Pine Level	Johnston
Thur., Aug. 22	Rains X Roads	Johnston
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston

Why Do People Sin?

By Elder Ambrose J. Jenkins,
McArthur, Ohio

The literal meaning of sin from the Hebrew and Greek words is transgression: or overstepping of the law of God, which is the Divine boundry line. It will be noted that God never intended that any one step across the line of His word, which marks all as transgressors; and that no one can cross this line without a consequence.

First, Information and Warnings

There are 31 "Thou shalt nots" in the word of God, all transgressions. Some examples: "Thou shalt not kill, steal, be a drunkard, hate, envy, make trouble, either in the Church, home, or act with the neighbors. "Thou shalt not do iniquity." An act or acts of open committing any injustice, harm, wrong, or intentions to degrade anyone. There are 17 "do nots" that prevent all who believe and practice their law that hinder from breaking this law. Examples: "Do not bear false testimony, hate the progress of others, defraud anyone of their full rights in life."

Do not error: Departing from right practices and observances. There 115 guide verses in the Scripture, which are aids against error, departure from right. Examples: "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I sin not." The soul that sinneth shall be separated from right. He that sinneth is of the devil. Sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death.

All are to forsake lawlessness: Examples: Ahab and Jezebel from coveting Naboth's vineyard. 1 Kings 21: 1-16; and Ananias and Sapphira his wife, for lying. Acts 5: 1-11. Gog and Magog; possibly Hitler and Stalin, Rev. 20: 7-9 fighters with all their equipment defeated living example that none can hope to escape God when He takes over all the kingdoms of the world.

Through becoming unbelievers: Insulting to Divine truth and God's loving acts of mercy for humanity.

Like Pharoah with the children of Israel, or Goliath with David, or the Pharisees and Scribes with Jesus. Like the modern church member, unbelievers in Regeneration and the New Birth, humble living, holy practices as Feet washing, and many other New Testament teachings, that the proud professors of today are too busy and stiff-necked to love and do, all of which leads to unbelief that will result in what God says in Rev. 21: 8, the final and just reward of this most ungodly class of people in the Bible, and the final place where they shall spend eternity, doomed for ever with the unbelief that they practiced through life.

Second, Why Do People Sin—The

Answer

There are a few things that I cannot imagine as being true in the lives of people. For examples: That people sin just to see if God will do what the Bible says will be done with sinners. Nor do I conceive of the plans of people, that they don't care if the word is true, and they will be doomed, that they want to go to Hell, and would rather go there than to deprive themselves of a good time in the physical life. But there is a Scriptural answer to the subject in question, and we propose to let God answer the question. But before we let God answer the question there are four connections belonging to life practices that we want to give the readers:

1. For the reason that God is love, therefore longsuffering, patient, kind, enduring, and merciful: and people don't intend to be His humble devoted followers, they choose to continue in their sins.

2. Because of God's mercy and goodness to them, in that they prosper financially as well as saints, and have health with strength and success with the family, business, stock, and all undertakings, they take advantage of God's good nature, and prolonged patience, and this accounts why man continue in their sins.

3. Because from all ages people

have enjoyed more that what they deserved of the blessings of God, and were permitted to sin as they pleased, and commit all the crime they wished to, and the hand of God did not fall on them and their deeds of sin and crime, they continue to make themselves think that it is alright to sin, it has been the practice of people in all ages, and there is no use for alarm now, and they keep it up.

4. The history of the sinner's belief in all ages has been that that per cent of those who have been punished for their sins by the God of power and authority. Search the Bible and you will find that less than three percent of people who have sinned have been punished. The infidel says men like Pharoah, Ahab, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod, Judas, Ananias, some Pharisees should have been punished because their acts were overt acts and deserved to be punished, but the many little sins that preachers preach to the people about, God just forgets them. Is this not the fact and root ground why so many disregard God's word although being preached daily all over the world? We answer that this disregard is the grounds upon which all sinners base their hopes of escape from continuing in sin.

Third, the Answer to the Question

In the book of Ecclesiastes 8: 11. "Because sin against evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

There is something pointed out in this text that should cut sinners loose from some things they have been hanging on to as dark hopes, and awaken their soul to facts taught there, as well as to humble their pride that will admit them to Repent, Confess, and Believe now, in the day of Grace, for their soul Salvation.

There are three points of interest I mention:

1. The first clause of this text points out the fact that God knows, and is fully informed on every plan

of escape the sinners have made through the ages.

2. The second clause points out clearly that God is equally acquainted with the false hopes that sinners have manufactured against His plan., that somehow, somehow, sometime, they will escape God's judgment but fail to see God many thousands of years ago, inspired His man to write, that because sinners thought they could escape, He has already informed that "their hearts are fully set on continuing in sin." Through being deceived sinners fail to believe sin however small its beginning, multiplies fast, and soon victimizes both soul and body.

3. Sinners are blind to the fact that its practice soon kills conviction for the sinners, steals the grace of hope, discourages the faith one should practice, and leaves the sinner hopeless and helpless, and this applies to church members who neglect their full duty to God.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

David's Testimony in Psalm 34

In praise to God he says, "He heard me and delivered me," verse 4. "He lightens—illuminates," verse 5. "He saves," verse 6. "He guards," verse 7. "He blesses," verse 8. "He sustains," verse 9, 10. What more could we ask. God does it all, when we yield our life to Him.

The National Association

The National Association was such a spirit-filled body of believers that we felt like that we wanted to stay there always. It was an enjoyable occasion. Peter wanted to build "three tabernacles" and remain on the "Mount of transfiguration" but he had to return to the valley to get some of the bitter along with the sweet. So, it would not do for us to stay on the "mountain top experiences" all the time, as there is

work for us to do in the valley and the plains.

Some of the Work of the Association

Many good things were done at the National Association if they are only put into action. If we let the enthusiasm, manifested there, die of course the good resolutions and recommendations will be worthless. But I believe that we are going to put them into action. One of the outstanding things done was to arrange for a National Sunday School Association. This association will endeavor to "standardize the Sunday School." Another good thing was the setting of a goal of *fifteen thousand dollars for the work of the Association* for the ensuing year, to be used largely in the educational work.

The Treatise of Faith

A Treatise of Faith and practices was arranged for a "revision" of the old Treatise. This new treatise is to be put into the hands of our people as soon as it can be printed. The work is so arranged as to meet the requirements as being called for by a large number of our people. Too, it is a work for a *united people*. Your servant had the honor of being on the Committee and we prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the arrangement. We want to say right here, that we never had the privilege of working with a better and more Christ-like committee. The Committee was composed of, Revs. Winford Davis, D. S. Jones, E. E. Morris, Clarence Bowen and myself. We did our best.

The Hospitality of the Paintsville Christians

Talking about hospitality, well the Paintsville people are as good as the best. Their way of putting you right up to the point of making you feel at home was unsurpassed. As we got there we realized that we

were really at home for our stay in those parts. Bless the Lord for such old-fashion Christian fellowship.

The Stacy Revival

When you get to read these lines, remember that, by the Lord's help, we will be in a series of meetings at Stacy, North Carolina, where it has been our privilege to preach as an evangelist, and also as a pastor. I am pastor there at this time. Pray that God will give us a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and that souls may be born of God.

Cape Fear Union Report

(Minutes for June 29, 1940)

The Union meeting of the Cape Fear Association met with the church at Oak Grove, Sampson County, on June 29, 1940.

The Devotional was led by the Mod., Rev. M. L. Johnson, after which the roll was called of officers and ministers. One of our ministers has moved to the Central Conference, Rev. R. B. Spencer, though we had a new minister who was ordained in our Union to be added to our list, Rev. J. Harold French of Roseboro, N. C.

Rev. H. R. Faircloth preached the eleven o'clock sermon. The reports were very good and we are proud of the fact that we had each of our churches represented in our Union.

In the afternoon the devotional was led by Mrs. W. H. Lancaster. After the reports were made from the various committees and during the miscellaneous hour Rev. M. L. Johnson announced the Church Finance Association, Inc., which many were glad to hear about, and I am sure many will become members.

After a rising vote of thanks to Oak Grove Church for the kind of hospitality shown us during the day, We adjourned to meet next with the church at River Side.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mod.,
Ruth M. Warren, Secy.

Camp Director:
REV. HENRY MELVIN

Date of Camp:
AUGUST 4-10

What You Should Know About Camp Leach

LEADERS

The Director of the Camp will be Rev. Henry Melvin. Other members of the faculty include: Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. R. B. Spencer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Miss Janie Belle Fitzgerald, Miss Jessie Rowland Brewer, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen, and Mrs. W. L. Moretz.



Here We Are!

Chairman Camp Committee

Rev. James A. Evans

Middlesex, N. C.



Ready for Class

CAMP

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In addition to the number above, we are happy to have this year two members on the faculty from out of the State: Miss Gladys Baxter, of Mississippi; and Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, of Chicago.

These leaders are chosen for their experience and fine Christian character. They are among the best

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this Camp is seven-fold:

1. To instruct the young people in fundamental Bible doctrines and Christian principles.
2. To offer advanced methods of Free Will Baptist League administration.
3. To educate prospective leaders in the methods of Sunday School work.
4. To instill in each heart a deeper appreciation and love for the better hymns of the Church.
5. To provide healthful recreation at low cost under Church influence, and at the same time develop genuine friendliness among the young folk of churches.
6. To encourage a greater loyalty to the Free Will Baptist denomination.
7. To glorify the One we love.

More than fifteen hours are devoted to religious instruction in various ways during the week, which is about the amount of time available in six months in the average Sunday School.

RECREATION

All sorts of outdoor recreation are being enjoyed at Camp Leach. Recreational leaders will have a tentative schedule which will include baseball, horse shoes, hiking, swimming, and other forms of outdoor amusements. This schedule will be carried out in the afternoon. (If you are planning to swim please bring a robe or wrap of some kind).

An hour each evening will be devoted to a program of fun and play. Different groups will sponsor these games. Along with these social entertainments will be an occasional pageant or program of a more serious nature. The purpose is to provide a balanced program of entertainment, instruction, and expression.

Registration Blank—

State F. W. B. L. Summer Association

Fill all spaces carefully, detach and mail to

Name _____

Church _____

Signature of Pastor _____

(Parents signature required for registration and

Send \$1 with this application blank to Registrar, address above,

CAMP LEACH

WASHINGT
N, NORTH CAROLINA, 1940

WHAT TO REMEMBER

Here are some things to remember before and after entering Camp:

1. Regular attendance on all classes and all services.
2. Preparation of class work and observance of all hours.
3. No one shall leave the campus without permission of the Director.
4. Everyone must be in Camp August 4 and stay till August 10, no leave without permission of Director.
5. Campers are expected Sunday evening for supper (August 4). Each camper is urged to bring a lunch for Sunday supper.
6. Formal opening in Auditorium Sunday at 8:00 a. m.
7. We must have complete co-operation.

WHAT TO BRING

These required:— Notebook, Pencils, Blankets, Sheets, Pillow, Toothbrush and Paste, Towels and Soap, A Pleasant Smile, A Happy Disposition.

These optional:— Camera, Bathing Suit, Bathrobe (this is required if swim suit is brought) Musical Instruments (no radio), Tennis Shoes, Outdoor Clothes, Time Spending Money.

HOW TO GET THERE

Follow Route 264 from Washington, North Carolina (going East) for about nine miles and you will see the Camp Leach sign on your right pointing to old camp. Campers should plan to arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave on Saturday.

Those coming by train or bus to Washington should notify Rev. Henry Melvin, 1211 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina, at least three days before Camp and transportation from Washington to camp will be arranged. State time of arrival.

Mail for campers should be addressed to Camp Leach, Washington, North Carolina.

Application for Registration

Camp Leach, August 4 to 10, 1940

Clarence Bowen, Box 203, East Durham, N. C.

Name _____ Address _____

Registration _____

Signature _____

I, _____, that camper agrees to conform to all regulations).

When you arrive at camp you will pay balance of \$5. Mail Registration Quickly!

Age Limit:

Nine — Thirty

If Over Thirty?

Contact Director

COST

The total cost of the one week at Camp Leach will be \$6. This includes a \$1 registration fee. Detach and fill out the Registration Blank and send it with the registration fee of \$1 (money order if possible) at the earliest date to Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 203, East Durham, N. C. Please do not send checks. Further information about any phase of the Camp may be secured from the publicity director, Miss Jessie Rowland Brewer, 914 Evans Street, Greenville, N. C.



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Outdoor Church

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Report of Convention

The National Women's Auxiliary Convention was held in Paintsville, Kentucky this year on July 15 and 16. The Convention opened on Monday night with a message by our Home Missionary, Sister McAdams. The song service was directed by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes of North Carolina. An inspiring hour was spent together in fellowship and worship after which late comers were assigned to their homes.

Tuesday's session was a day of business and reports from the Vice-Presidents of the various departments. These were inspiring and showed that the women were becoming true stewards in the Master's work. One of the most important things taken up was the change in the Hand Book. This is to be revised and expanded and will become a Manual of information. Every member of the women's auxiliaries should secure one and study it that the work may be carried on in a uniform manner.

The afternoon session was especially interesting with the presenting of the Stewardship Contest which is sponsored by the Women's auxiliaries for the youth of our denomination. However, it was decided that this work should be sponsored by the Young People's League so the Women's Auxiliaries will drop this phase of work for the time being. It will be optional with local District and State should they care to continue. Much time will be spent in the study of Stewardship with books, pamphlets, etc.

There were two contestants in both departments.

Junior Department: Helen Ruth Welch, Nashville, Tennessee; William Swindell, Elizabeth City, North

Carolina (winner). (The winner's poem is herewith published.)

Intermediate Department: Carlton Raegan, Nashville, Tennessee; Mary Ellen Fields, Pikeville, North Carolina (winner).

All readings were well presented and greatly appreciated by the audience.

Georgie Frost Barnes,
National Director

Daniel's Chapel Aid Report

On June 27, 1940, Daniel's Chapel Ladies Aid held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Douglas Tomlinson. The society was called to order by the president Mrs. Selley Tomlinson. The meeting was opened by singing a song, "To the Work." Then we were led in prayer by Mrs. Carnell Lucas. After prayer our Scripture was read by nine members of the aid. Scripture was taken from several chapters of the Bible. After our Scripture we had a very interesting program. In this program we had our lesson in Year-Book.

After the program we entered into the business of the Aid. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the roll was called with nineteen members present and one member absent. Next a program committee and flower committee were appointed. Also some one to keep the church clean for the month of July. After other business was finished new officers were elected for another year. After finishing our business we took up our lesson in "Open Gate to Prayer." Then we sang "Jesus Calls Us." We adjourned with Mrs. Patrick Lucas pronouncing the benediction.

The following is the report of what we have done since last June, 1939.

The Annual Report

Money in treasury last June.	\$ 4.89
Amt. raised by dues	35.64
Amount raised by Birthday dues	2.00
Amount raised otherwise	.70
Total disbursements	\$43.32

Sent to Orphanage	\$12.00
Sent to school of the Ministry	3.00
Amt. spent for Literature	2.65
Amount spent for Gift for preacher and wife, at Christmas	2.00
Amount spent for a flower containers for church	1.22
Amt. given to preacher	\$5.00
Amt. spent for broom for the church	.50

Total amount spent	\$26.37
Total amount in Treasury	\$ 7.46

Activities

No. members on roll	20
No. sick visits	365
No. trays sent to the sick and needy	42
No. baskets of flowers sent to sick	20
Butter sent to needy	1-2 lb.
Pieces of linen sent to needy	9
New subscribers for Baptist	4

We are sure that this is not all, but we have only the report of this much. We are small in number but we are trusting that we are great in the sight of God. It is our greatest desire to do more each day and we are asking for prayers of all Christian people for our future success.

Mrs. Elmer Pittman, *Secy.*
Wilson, North Carolina
Route 3, Box No. 298

Notice

I wish to state that I have not yet accepted any church for the fourth Sunday for next year.

I would be glad to hear from any church desiring my service on that Sunday.

Rev. M. L. Johnson,
Goldsboro, North Carolina,
Route 3

Subscribe to the Baptist!

Through Texas

(Continued from page three)

the church is set aside for Missions. Brother Warkentin is one of the hardest working men I have ever met up with, and under his ministry has led the church completely out of debt.

As I visit our people and churches over a period of a few years it is easy to see marks of improvement both in the growth of congregations and improvements to property, the result of the faithful labors of pastors and people. Everywhere we have gone there have been new churches to surprise us. Henderson, Texas, our next stop was an example of this. We were amazed to find a lovely new building. Brother and Sister MacAdams went in and led the folk out into a building program after a successful meeting. Then Sisters Tommie Franklin and Reed came along and sacrificed, labored, and prayed and led the folk out of debt. It is always a great joy to be with these two consecrated wise women. I always feel, as I meet them at work, that I am going into some Foreign Mission station, for they are so like foreign missionaries in their self denial and willingness to cheerfully endure hardness for Jesus' sake. In spite of heavy rain the one night we had there, we had a fine crowd and a very good offering.

I had always wanted to meet Bro. Jamieson who is about the best known preacher in that oil country and beloved of the whole county. I had this opportunity to fellowship with him a brief time, just wish we would have become better. The sad part of our ministry is we meet folk and then just as we get acquainted we must move on and we do not have time or opportunity to cultivate friendships. Leaving Henderson we drove over to Shreveport to spend the fourth of July with a dear Uncle of Mrs. Willey and for a few days we were in the family circle again. Uncle Jay is an elder in the Christian Church, and very active so we were put to work telling of our mis-

sionary program to a sympathetic group of folk. We were enabled to make many new friends.

Our next stop was at Hot Springs, Arkansas, just for the night then on to Little Rock and to spend the night in Memphis, Tennessee. We have dear friends in Memphis that we have known for many years, the pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. So we called up with the result that we were called on to speak both morning and evening. Brother Grady Mangum is a wonderful pastor and evangelist and has a great church and people. Brother Mangum and our own Brother Bob Self of Asheville, North Carolina were very close friends and had worked together in many meetings. So again we were with folk deeply interested in the program of our church. Monday morning we were on our way toward Nashville in a blinding rain storm and all day we drove finally getting out of it just as we arrived in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee. Finding Brother Blackwelder, we learned something of our line up for the week in and around this great city of Nashville. Yesterday we took some moving pictures of possible sites which will be shown at the National Meeting in Paintsville. I am at the present time in the home of a remarkable character, a man who in his late seventies has the step and actions of a young man, Brother Hudgins. It was from this home I made my first missionary tour in the Free Will Baptist churches, just after the union some few years ago. Everything seems so restful in this lovely little mountain village. We had a fine crowd last night, a full house and as always a very interested crowd of our folk and the townspeople. Brother Hudgins, like Brother Newsome, is an old school teacher and one of the allies of every thing that spells success.

Below is an itemized statement of the funds received for foreign missions in the state of Texas beginning with Ft. Worth and the surrounding churches.

Funds Received

CHURCH	PASTOR	
Buffalo Springs,	Rev. Tiff	
Covington	-----	\$10.72
Whetherford, Rev. Brooks	--	2.66
Trinity F. W. B., Rev. Sutton		21.21
First F. W. B., Rev. J. K.		
Warkentin	-----	18.46
Silver Creek, Rev. T. H. News-		
come	-----	10.00
Henderson, Texas, Miss Tom-		
mie Franklyn	-----	13.57

Thy Blessing, Lord, on All Vacation Days!

Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!
 For weary ones who seek the quiet ways,
 Fare forth beyond the thunder of the street,
 The marvel of Emmaus Road repeat;
 Thy comradeship so graciously bestow
 Their hearts shall burn within them
 as they go.

Grant those who turn for healing
 to the sea
 May find the faith that once by Galilee
 Flamed brighter than the glowing fire of coals.
 And when thou hast refreshed their hungry souls,
 Speak the old words again, beside the deep,
 Bid all who love thee, Master, feed thy sheep!

Be thou with those who bide where mountains rise,
 Where yearning earth draws nearest to the skies!
 Give them the peace, the courage that they ask:
 New strength to face the waiting valley task,
 valley haze!
 New light to lead through shrouding
 Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!

—Molly Anderson Haley.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Two Ways

Lesson for August

Lesson: Psalm 1: 1-6; Matthew 7: 24-27.

Golden Text: *"For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1: 6).*

I. HEART OF THE LESSON

The central idea of this study is the folly of sin and the wisdom of righteousness. Sin leads man downwards, for evil is progressive, even as is good, but it is progress in the wrong direction. Note the steps leading to disaster (Psalm 1: 1): (1) We walk in the "counsel of the ungodly"; (2) We stand in the "way of sinners," suggesting closer association; (3) We sit "in the seat of the scornful, suggesting habitual association, fondness for the company of men of the lowest type who ridicule all that is good and noble. Sin leads to destruction (Romans 6:23). The ungodly are like chaff, blown away because no substance of truth is in them, not rooted in Christ (Colossians 2: 7). Chaff in Scripture refers to separation, punishment, destruction (Job 21: 18; Isaiah 29: 5; Luke 3: 17). The godless man is like the house built on the sand, he is doomed to disaster when the storms of tribulation, temptation, judgment, sweep down upon him. "The way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1: 6). How foolish to tread the path which must lead to destruction (Matthew 7: 13)! How different is the way and the destiny of the righteous! Refraining from sin, the Godly man experiences (1) Blessedness (Psalm 1: 1). (2) Fruitfulness and prosperity in the best sense of the word (vs. 3); (3) The consciousness that God knows his circumstances

and cares for him (vs. 6); (4) A sense of security when the storm beats against him and he faces "the swelling of Jordan." With his faith firmly fixed in Christ the Rock of Ages, he can stand up to every wind that blows (Matthew 7: 25).—A. H. "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life" (Deuteronomy 30: 19).

II. LESSON ILLUSTRATIONS

1. QUESTIONABLE AMUSEMENTS

"I think a Christian can go anywhere," said a young woman, who was defending her continued attendance at some very doubtful place of amusement.

"Certainly she can," rejoined her friend, "but I am reminded of a little incident that happened last summer when I went with a party of friends to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a dainty white gown. When her friends remonstrated with her, she appealed to the old miner who was to act as guide of the party.

"Can't I wear a white dress down into the mine?" she asked petulantly. "Yes'm," returned the old man. "There's nothin' to keep you from wearin' a white frock down there, but there'll be considerable to keep you from wearing one back."

There is nothing to prevent the Christian wearing his white garters when he seeks the fellowship of that which is unclean, but there is a good deal to prevent him wearing white garments afterwards.—*From a Church Bulletin*

2. IS YOUR BIBE INTERESTING?

Little Mary wanted to learn her Sunday School lesson and had asked her older sister to help her. At length the sister finished her other duties and, taking her Bible from the bureau, called,

"Come, Mary, I will help you now, and then you can go back to your play."

Mary came running, all ready to begin, but on seeing the Bible her

sister had brought, said, "Sister, let's read the lesson out of Grandpa's Bible."

"Why, what difference will that make?"

"Grandpa's Bible is so much more interesting than yours."

"Oh, no, Mary. They are exactly alike."

"Well," replied the observant little girl, "I really think that Grandpa's Bible must be more interesting than yours, he reads it so much more."—*Christian World.*

3. SAFE ON THE ROCK

A Welsh lady, when she lay dying, was visited by her minister. He said to her, "Sister, are you sinking?" She answered him not a word, but looked at him with incredulous eye. He repeated the question, "Sister, are you sinking?" She looked at him again, as if she could not believe he would ask such a question. At last, rising a little in her bed, she said, "Sinking! Sinking! Did you ever know a sinner to sink through a Rock? If I had been standing on the sand, I might sink; but, thank God, I am on the Rock of Ages, and there is no sinking there."—*Spurgeon's Sermons.*

III. HOME WORK

1. How can anyone become righteous in the sight of God? (Romans 3: 21, 22; II Corinthians 5: 21).

2. To what extent should a Christian separate himself from all unbelievers? (Psalm 1: 1; II Corinthians 6: 14-18; I Corinthians 5: 9-11).

3. How much use should we make of the Word of God? (Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7; Joshua 1: 8; Colossians 3: 16).

4. Which is the only secure foundation for the spiritual life? (Matthew 7: 24; I Corinthians 3: 11; Ephesians 2: 20).

5. What are the distinguishing marks on the foundation of God? (II Timothy 2: 19).

6. In what respects are the wicked likened unto chaff? (Psalm 1:4; 35:5; Luke 3:17).

7. Study the lesson in our quarterlies. Pray for your teacher and the other members of your class, school, and yourself. Select five truths in one of our quarterlies that are most helpful.

Mon., August 5	Winterville	Pitt	Tues., Aug. 20	Owens Chapel	Wilson
Tues., Aug. 6	Reedy Branch	Pitt	Wed., Aug. 21	Otters Creek	Edgecombe
Wed., August 7	Bethany	Pitt	Thur., Aug. 22	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Thur., Aug. 8	Piney Grove	Pitt	Fri., Aug. 23	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe
Fri., Aug. 9	Greenville	Pitt	Sat., Aug. 24	Barne's Hill	Nash
Sat., Aug. 10	Parker's Chapel	Pitt	Mon., Aug. 26	Piney Grove	Nash
Mon., Aug. 12	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt	Tues., Aug. 27	Mount Zion	Nash
Tues., Aug. 13	Hickory Grove	Pitt	Wed., Aug. 28	People's Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Aug. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt	Thur., Aug. 29	Rose Bud	Wilson
Thur., Aug. 15	King's X Roads	Pitt	Fri., Aug. 30	Union Grove	Durham
Fri., Aug. 16	Spring Branch	Greene	Sat., Aug. 31	Edgemont	Durham
Sat., Aug. 17	Saratoga	Wilson	Mon., Sept. 2	Hansley's Chapel	Durham
Mon., Aug. 19	Aspin Grove	Wilson	Tues., Sept. 3	Oak Grove	Durham

Concert Class Report

Alma Broughton, Manager

Seventh Week

Palmetto Chapel	\$20.26
Macedonia	28.97
Antioch	25.00
Moseley's Creek	13.10
Wilson	42.20
Smithfield	45.59
Total	\$175.12

Eighth Week

Gethsemane	\$21.50
Wintergreen	21.00
Core Creek	53.19
Friendship	40.00
Whaley's Chapel	16.05
Christian Chapel	8.45
Total	\$160.19

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

MISS LOUISE EDGERTON, Manager

Date	Church	County
Thurs., July 18	Stoney Creek	Wayne
Fri., July 19	Antioch	Wayne
Sat., July 20	Hull Road	Greene
Mon., July 22	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Tues., July 23	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Wed., July 24	Free Union	Greene
Thurs., July 25	Friendship	Greene
Fri., July 26	Marlboro	Pitt
Sat., July 27	Grimsley	Greene
Mon., July 29	St.'s Delight	Greene
Tues., July 30	Little Creek	Greene
Wed., July 31	Elm Grove	Pitt
Thur., August 1	Ayden	Pitt
Fri., August 2	Rose Hill	Pitt
Sat., August 3	Black Jack	Pitt

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Boys and Girls Corner

A Broken Window

Such a lovely, clear, cold, sparkling winter day as it was! The boys were so full of play that they hardly could wait for the school to be out, and when at last four o'clock came, how they did tumble and wade in the snow!

"Let's have a snowball fight," cried Wilford.

"All right," said the other boys, for whatever Wilford proposed they usually were ready to do. He was a leader among the boys, and a pretty safe leader, too, for while he sometimes got into mischief, he never was mean or deceitful, and he was always generous and kind. Mothers felt safe when their boys were with him, and everybody spoke of him as an unusually good boy.

The snow fight began as soon as the boys could pile up snow barricades, and a glorious time they had. First one side would be driven out and then the other. They were so excited that they did not notice how close they were getting to Mr. Black's new house till there was a sudden crash, as a hard snowball went through a window—one of the large windows in the dining room.

"Let's run," cried one of the boys, and several of them started off as fast as they could.

Wilford was frightened enough to run, but he didn't. He stood and looked at the broken window, thinking about what his mother and his teachers and ever so many other people would think when they heard that he had been with a crowd of boys that had broken that window. Not any of them knew Mr. Black, who was a rich man and a stranger in the town, but Wilford quickly made up his mind what to do. "We must hunt up Mr. Black and tell him right away," he said.

"Well, I'm not going to do that," cried one of the boys.

"It's what we ought to do," said

Wilford, "and we will pay him for the window. I'm going home to tell mother first, and then I'm going down to his office, and we'll all meet on the corner and go together."

"Are you going with him?" "Are you?" the boys began asking each other. And in the end every boy went.

It was a rather scared-looking lot of boys that walked into the office of the surprised Mr. Black half an hour later.

"Well, young gentlemen, what can I do for you?" he asked.

It was Wilford who stepped forward and answered. "We were having a snowball fight out by your house," he said, "and we broke a window. We're awfully sorry, and we want to pay for it. We'll give you all the money we have now, and we'll work and earn the rest," and the boys all reached into their pockets and drew out the pennies and nickels—fifty-three cents in all—which they laid on Mr. Black's desk.

"A window will cost two dollars," he said gravely.

"We'll pay the rest soon," said Wilford, and the other boys all nodded.

Suddenly Mr. Black smiled and held out his hand. "I'm sorry about the window," he said, "but I'm glad I'm to have such manly neighbors. We'll be good friends."

And you may be sure that they were.—*The Sunbeam*.

1 John 1: 9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HEATH. Louis S. Heath was born on February 28, 1855 and died on March 30, 1940, making his stay on earth 85 years, 3 months and 2 days. He was a faithful member of Rose Hill Church. He loved

his God and always served Him to the best of his ability.

Mr. Heath is survived by five daughters, fourteen grand children and fourteen great grand children. He suffered much during his death sickness. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but God in His infinite wisdom said, "It is enough, come up higher." Weep not dear ones, for we know our loved one has a home in heaven. He told us in his final sickness that he was prepared to go and be with Jesus. We firmly believe this was God's way of showing him his mansion he had won in heaven.

Mr. Heath was laid to rest beneath a beautiful floral mound near Cox's Mill to await the resurrection morn. May we all strive to meet him in that better land above.

Written by his son-in-law,
J. T. Robinson

LUCAS. On Monday, February 21, 1938, the death angel visited the Woodard-Herring Hospital in Wilson, and claimed as His own loving mother and grandmother, Martha Bass Lucas. She was born on August 4, 1871, making her stay on earth 66 years, 6 months and 17 days.

She was loved by all who knew her. She had been in ill health for several years before her death. In spite of her handicaps, she was very active and ready to help anyone in need or called upon her for assistance. She was confined to her bed about one week with pneumonia. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God whom she loved and served best called her from this world of disappointments to be with him.

She was one of the oldest members of Little Rock Church. She leaves to mourn their loss, one sister, four sons, three daughters, 48 grandchildren, 15 great-grand children, and a host of relatives and friends.

Her funeral was conducted by Revs. S. H. Styron, J. H. Worley, L. T. Phillips and J. A. Evans. Her body was laid to rest beneath a bank of beautiful flowers by the side of her first husband to await the coming of the Lord.

Sleep on dear grand-mother,
And take thy rest;
We loved you much,
But the Lord loved thee best.

Miss Mae Boyette, grand-daughter

In Memoriam

America

(Reprinted by special request)

In the hushed silence of the early morning hour of December 17, 1939, the spirit of our dearly beloved brother, Rev. S. H. Styron, heard the heavenly call. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord"; then quietly and peacefully it winged its sacred flight to the celestial realms of heaven.

We, the Pine Level Church, Sunday School, and Ladies Aid Society, realize most keenly what the passing of Brother Styron means to us; therefore, we wish to submit the following as a tribute of love, highest esteem and greatest respect for him.



Rev. S. H. Styron

First, that we bow humbly to the righteous will of our heavenly father and realize that our church has lost a most consecrated pastor, our Sunday School an inspiring teacher and leader, and our Ladies Aid Society a superlative co-worker for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The memory of one who so nobly filled his calling in the pulpit bringing a message of inspiration to Christians, giving words of warning and advice to the unsaved, sympathy and comfort to those in distress—will be cherished through the ages and generations to come. It may be truly said that he went about doing good and many were led to a soul saving belief in the Lord Jesus Christ by his forceful preaching of God's Holy Word. His greatest desire was to serve God and to help his fellow-man. May we strive to so pattern our lives after his example of devotion to the church and every Christian service that his life may be seen to live again as he so often said, a thousand-fold.

Second, that we invoke God's richest blessings upon the sorrowing family and extend to them our heart-felt sympathy in their lonely hours. By our deeds of kindness and words of love may we encourage them to look forward to the time when we shall meet again with our loved one in that beautiful city whose Builder and Keeper is God.

Third, that a copy of this tribute be sent to the family; a copy to the Baptist for publication; and a copy be placed in our Church and other Auxiliary records.

Signed:

Mrs. B. L. Godwin, Mrs. Reuben Creech,
Mrs. E. L. Pilkington, Mr. H. R. Gerald,
Mr. E. L. Pilkington, Appointed Committee
representing Church, Sunday School,
and Ladies Aid Society.

The Empty Cradle

There's a little empty cradle,

Shoes and stockings on the floor,
But the little feet that pressed them
We will never hear any more.

Gone with all the bright spring
flowers,
Faded from the light of day,

But the little bud now is blooming,
In a garden far away.

There are little lips that are silent,
There's a little form now sleep-
ing;

Under the clay 'neath the hill,
And one day there will be no more
weeping.

—Selected.

"To me America is definitely more than an aggregate of 130,000,000 people; to me America is all that the submerged races of the world wish to be and cannot; to me America is the concrete realization of what the ages have hoped for and labored for.

"It is a definition. It is a creed. It is a challenge. God built a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold. He carpeted it with soft rolling prairies and pillared it with thundering mountains. He studded it with soft flowing fountains and traced it with long winding streams. He graced it with deep shadowed forests and filled them with song.

"Then he called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope. The glory of adventure was in their eyes and the glory of hope within their souls. And out of the labor of men and the bounty of earth, out of the prayers of men and the hopes of the world, God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with a purpose sublime, and called it 'America!' "—Anonymous.

Jesus Died for You

One day upon Mount Calvary, there
stood a cruel cross;
On which they hanged my Saviour,
that we should not be lost.
Look at His hands and feet! Look at
His pierced side!
All this for you He suffered, for you
and he died.

To you His arms extended, listen to
His pleading voice;
He's pleading for you to come, won't
you make Him your choice?
His precious blood He shed for you,
for you He suffered pain,
Won't you accept Him now? He may
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PSALMS 42

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing [falseness]?
SE-lah.

Ps. 123; 31:6, 18; 69:7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [come before] thee.
Ps. 53; 119:147.

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Life and the Weaver

Life is a woven fabric;
The pattern and web are wrought
By the dark threads and the golden
That into the loom are shot.

You cannot judge God's purpose
By the thrust of a single thread,
What to you may be dark, mysterious,
May be gloriously bright instead.

For He holds in mind a pattern
As fair as His love is strong,
Which grows each day in the weaving;
Not a single thread goes wrong.

No warp in His hands shall tangle,
No slumber His eyelids close;
We only can thwart His purpose
When our stubborn wills impose.

Our tangled and broken efforts
To walk in His kind commands
Will give life an added luster,
Restored by His loving hands.

So trust in the Weaver's wisdom,
In His love and unfailing care,
And the fabric of life completed,
Some day will be wondrous fair.

—A. W. Dewar

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Questions for Thought

1. Is the story of Christ just an
old, old story, or is it ever new and
precious to you?

2. Do you realize that your soul
is as precious in the sight of God
as any living person?

3. Do you feel that your life is a
good example for others to follow?

4. Do you study to show yourself
approved unto God?

5. Have you ever taken out any
insurance, and do you hold the policy
for the home eternal?

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What We Owe, and How to Pay It

By Thomas Kane

"Why should I devote a certain definite proportion of my income to God and His work in the world?"

The first and very much the most important reason is, because it is God's law, or principle, if you prefer the word, having its origin in the mind and will of God; and the second because you thereby promote your spiritual and temporal interests. In short, it pays. Pays in the highest and best sense of the word. Pays in spiritual blessings, pays in temporal prosperity, pays in peace of mind in having a question of duty settled. Transfers from you to your Heavenly Father the responsibility of how much it shall be; permits Him to decide whether it shall be little or much as He prospers you.

"I am afraid I cannot afford it."

It is natural that you should name this objection first, as it is the chief obstacle with nearly all Christians. But you can. If you will try it you will keep it up because you will find that you cannot afford not to do it. I mean in dollars and cents. Your objection is from the temporal standpoint and so is the reply. Did you ever try it? Ever know a business man, professional man, farmer, or worker for wages who had tried it and was not more than satisfied with the results? Thousands, tens of thousands of laymen in the United States and other countries are doing it and have been for years. If there are exceptions they ought to be known.

"Is it not wrong to appeal to my love of gain in this matter?"

Do you not pray for God's blessing on your temporal affairs? Do you mean what you say when you do? Do you not daily ask for the promised wisdom that you may be guided by it in all your duties? Do you keep your business, or daily labor,

or your profession separate from your religion? Don't you work for gain? Gain, that you may care for those you love and those who are dependent upon you? Gain, that you may give them every advantage within your power? Gain, that you may do much more than this: that you may have to give and do for others; that you may the more liberally aid and support those who give themselves to charitable, benevolent and Christian work; that you may give more for the spread of Christ's Kingdom in the earth? Is it wrong to pray for temporal prosperity with these objects in view?

"But are there no higher motives?"

There may be, but it is the temporal side of the question we are talking about—the practical side to you and me. You and I are laymen, not ministers; we don't preach; we are not missionaries. We may have to work hard and constantly to make ends meet, and care for our households and loved ones. Yet we owe something to others, do we not? Something to God, in practical recognition of the fact that to Him directly or indirectly we owe all we have or possibly can have.

"But we cannot pay what we owe to God personally."

True, but you can pay it through His agents, by which is meant your pastor, your church officials, your missionaries, in short, through every man or institution devoted to building up Christ's Kingdom and depending for support upon the contributions of Christians.

"How much do we owe?"

God says one-tenth, the tithe. Surely He should know.

"Is this all we owe? Do we not owe everything to Him?"

Certainly, inasmuch as everything really belongs to Him. There is only so much money, so much property in the world. That which you now call yours belonged to someone else before it came to you, and it will belong to yet another when you leave it, but while in your possession you are accountable for its use. God does not ask that you pay it all back at once or that you transfer it to others, but He does ask and remember for your sake, and for your own good, for some constant practical recognition of His ownership and your stewardship. Whether you accept the fact or not, you are His steward for the entire amount, and you and not another, must render for all He lends you.

—Selected.

Letter of Thanks

I wish to express a few words of sincere gratitude to our many friends who contributed to us, both in offerings and in prayers, while my husband was so ill, and underwent an operation on his head in the Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Va.

At this writing we are back home and he is very much improved. We feel that it is largely due to the prayers of our many Christian friends. Christ is such a wonderful Saviour, and we do praise His holy name. Please remember us still in your prayers, that we may be found faithful and ready to meet Christ when He returns again.

Again we wish to thank everyone who remembered us in any way.

Your sister in Christ,
Miss Maggie Willis,
Davis, North Carolina

EDITORIAL

The Questionnaire.

The Adult Sunday School quarterly for the present quarter contains on page two of the quarterly the questionnaire which was arranged to be filled out by those who study it. We have explained at the top of the page the purpose for arranging it in the quarterly.

We are taking the space to emphasize just here the importance of quite a number of the superintendents, teachers, students and ministers, when they have made some careful study of several of the lessons, to fill out the sheet and mail it to the Press at Ayden for our consideration. We are very desirous to get the opinions of many who study the quarterly that we may know whether it is meeting the needs of the upper classes of the Sunday School or not. Is it equal to other adult-class quarterlies of other denominations or not? We want fair and unbiased criticisms regarding its merits or demerits. Therefore, we are asking for honest opinions of ministers, superintendents, students and teachers concerning the worth, place and service of the quarterly as it is now written for the young people and the adult classes in our Sunday Schools.

Thus far we have received some of the questionnaires filled out properly and returned to us with honest and favorable opinions expressed concerning its use in the upper classes of the Sunday School. As the quarterly is being studied during this present quarter, we shall be expecting to receive from quite a number of the superintendents, teachers and students the questionnaire sheets properly filled out with honest opinions expressed concerning its merits or demerits as a piece of

work for the young people and adults.

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The Educational Program

The National Education program is becoming, from the reports which we have been receiving here and there, more and more a talk among the church people. The comments are favorable and interest is growing all the while for a strong National Education program. A good school for the ministry is being talked among our church people in this part of the country, and they are convinced that the efforts for a good school must be pushed until something in a worthwhile way can be accomplished.

They are realizing, moreover, as time passes that a trained ministry is vitally essential for the welfare of the whole church. Ministers must be trained equal to or better than those who sit in the pews. They must be prepared to present the Gospel in such a way as to encourage the young and the old in religious work, and to be able to hold the people to a firm belief in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. These church people know also that it takes money to establish and maintain a good school for the ministry. Money must be raised in sums sufficient to meet the needs for such a school.

May we urge every minister, every Sunday School superintendent, all teachers, Ladies Aid leaders and league leaders to boost and to arrange plans, beginning as early as possible, to raise funds for the worthy cause. Each auxiliary group of the church in every state should get busy and get together splendid offerings for the national education program. It is quite evident now that the young people of the church

are becoming more and more desirous of such a school. Also the Aid workers are expressing themselves in a similar way. The Sunday School leaders are of the same opinion. It is a matter of laying plans and then going ahead to raise funds for this purpose. Someone must take the lead, all will agree, in each group, and start the educational fund in your church and community. Every local church and community should have a share in this great work. All church members should be willing to contribute to it in some way, and as far as God has blessed them.

Part Time Christians

Dear Readers of the Baptist:

How do we stand with our Lord today? Are we continuing the good fight of faith? Or are we astride the fence, doing about as we please? Do we have our heart and mind fixed on Christ? On the other hand, are we using a part of the time lingering after the Devil's allurements.

Just get your pencil and paper, and set down on one side all you have done for the glory of God this year. Then set down on the other side all the things which you have done for the Devil. Then see which side is balanced up or down.

Dear friends, I have had much experience in living a Christian life, and I have tried to serve my Lord for fifty years. I admit that a part of this time I have lived careless, sometimes have grown cold, and it would seem as if the Spirit of the Lord had gone away from me. At times it would seem that the Lord had gone off on a furlough. But I would get back, and sometimes it seemed very heard. I admit that this again is a very poor way to live.

If you were cultivating a farm, and just across the way there was another man tending a farm, and there was a man whom you both needed all the time, and he would work with you some and the other man some. So, you never knew when to count

on him. He would be like a part-time Christian. So, when the Lord needed you, as He did old Isaiah, and Isaiah said, "I will go," and then you would be found somewhere at a seashore or bathing pool, He certainly would not look you up. If you were whiling away your time at such places, the Lord would just let you waste your time, and in the end He would say, "Depart from me, for I never knew you."

Unless you can make peace with Him for your evil doings, He will not claim you for his own, He does not have to have you to carry on his business. But He will give you a fair deal if you will let Him. But listen what He says, "No man can serve two masters." So, when you are following in the footsteps of Satan, you are just taking things at your own risk. Do not think that just because you have been converted that you cannot be lost. Listen to Ezekiel's words, "The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth" (Ezekiel 33: 12).

Therefore, you are to leave off the trifling things and the nonsensical acts of this life, and do not run such risks of your life. Do not commit the so-called little sins so that you would be ashamed to stand up and testify for the Lord. I would advise you aright, oh people, and seek to direct you to do the right things in the sight of the Lord. You should live in such a way as to be able to say unto the Lord, "I am ready when you see fit to take me home to glory." Then, when He comes, He will see your light trimmed and burning, and He will be ready to take you home with Him.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

B. E. Coxwell,
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Yet I Am Not Alone

By Ruby Weburn Tobias

Lonely! The very word can start
the tears
And chill the heart as with the
sun's eclipse;
It used to fall so sadly from my
lips,
It used to sound so mournful to my
ears.

Then, like Naomi in an alien land,
I found the One who loved and
guided her;
And, like Elijah by the juniper,
I tasted meat and drink from God's
own hand.

Lonely? The knell fades on the
brightening air,
And melts into a happy carillon.
Is the road rough? I have a Friend
to share
Its brave adventure till the jour-
ney's done.
Come, lonely heart, will you not join
us there?
Who walk with Christ can never
walk alone.

Do You Want a Sunday School Convention in North Carolina?

Do you want the first North Carolina Sunday School State Convention to get started with a grand and a glorious success? If you do, hurry and send in your report. The number of reports received from the district conventions and the individual Sunday Schools in the state by September 10th will determine your interest, to a large extent, in what we are trying to do.

I promised you that I would list through the Baptist all reports as they come in to me. I am happy to state that the Eastern district and Sandy Plain Sunday School have already reported. Naturally I am disappointed that more have not written to me. Let me insist that all district presidents make report to me immediately. If you care to you

may make report to me and make your contribution when we meet in September. I want the names of all district presidents and secretaries.

I want also a list of all the Sunday Schools together with the report as asked for in the Baptist of July 10th. By this method of reporting we save quite a bit of expense in correspondence and traveling. If I have to write all Sunday Schools in the state or take my car and drive to all the districts in the state, you see it would require much time and expense on the part of your committee. Please take notice and let me have your report right away. I shall be happy to be able to list a long number of reports in the Baptist next week.

I'll be expecting your report by mail soon.

R. P. Harris,
Chairman Organizing
Committee (or Board)

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Fri., July 26	May's Chapel	Wayne
Sat., July 27	Casey's Chapel	Wayne
Mon., July 29	Goldsboro	Wayne
Tues., July 30	St. John	Wayne
Wed., July 31	LaGrange	Lenoir
Thur., Aug. 1	White Oak Grove	Lenoir
Fri., Aug. 2	Daly's Chapel	Lenoir
Sat., August 3	St. Paul	Sampson
Mon., August 5	Oak Grove	Sampson
Tues., August 6	Shady Grove	Sampson
Wed., Aug. 7	Robert's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 8	Corinth	Sampson
Fri., August 9	Lee's Chapel	Sampson
Sat., Aug. 10	Pleasant Grove	Harnett
Mon., August 12	Prospect	Harnett
Tues., Aug. 13	Bethel	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 14	St. Mary's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 15	Hopewell	Johnston
Fri., Aug. 16	Johnston Union	Johnston
Sat., August 17	Powhatan	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 19	Tee's Chapel	Johnston
Tues., August 20	Riverside	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 21	Pine Level	Johnston
Thur., Aug. 22	Rains X Roads	Johnston
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston

Time

Just how precious time can be when it has nearly run its course may be seen from the exclamation of Queen Elizabeth of England. As she was dying, almost her last words were, "All my possessions for a moment of time!"

And yet how any of us waste precious hours. It is not difficult to recognize the waste of time when we are lazily doing nothing, or dreaming idle dreams. But we do not so readily recognize such waste when we are busy about things that are inconsequential, unessential, or definitely wrong.

Our Scripture lesson reminds us that we are to "redeem," or buy up the time, first of all, by avoiding those things that are evil (Ephesians 5: 11, 12), and then by walking wisely and not as fools. Doubtless there is not one of us but has watched another person, at some time or other, purchasing an article that was utterly useless and worthless. Perhaps we exclaimed, "How foolish!" But, if we were to make a careful inventory of the way in which we spend our time, could we not write after many of our expenditures, "How foolish!"

It may help us to think of our time with relation to our threefold nature,—body, mind, and spirit. On first thought, we may conclude that most young people do not need any urge to manage their time with a view to physical well-being. With physical education in most of our schools, with modern sports, such as football, baseball, and track, and with the popularity of swimming pools and camping, hikes, and horse back riding, there seems to be all the opportunity for physical exercise one could need. But it is because of the availability and popularity of all these kinds of sport that we need a word of caution regarding the use of our time. It is so easy to become enamored with sports that time out of all proportion will be spent upon them. Moderation and balance are virtues that most of us need to cultivate right here.

Then what about time for other elements of physical well-being, such as rest, proper food, and the like? Do you know of any young people who carry their activities, not necessarily unwholesome ones, to such a point that they encroach upon proper rest? Do you know of any young folks who bolt a hasty breakfast before dashing off to school or work, or who gulp down and unwholesome lunch sooner than take time to eat properly and sensibly? God calls these bodies of ours which he has entrusted to our care temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6: 19). Are we budgeting our time to enable us to treat them as such?

—Selected.

Your Opportunity

This is your opportunity to render a valuable and practical service to the cause of Christ through the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention recently organized Paintsville, Kentucky.

The success of the program of the National Sunday School Convention is dependent upon the dissemination of information and instruction relative to the plan of work as outlined by the Convention. This diffusion of information will be done largely through the mails. Letters and cards by the thousands and typewritten manuscripts to our denominational papers will be one medium of transmission. A good typewriter in the possession of the Secretary of our National Convention will prove an effective instrument in the promotion of the Lord's work through our Sunday schools.

The Convention needs a typewriter. The Convention has just been organized and has no funds available at this time with which to purchase this most essential piece of equipment. If you have a typewriter that is not being used, or one that is being used but not to the glory of God, this is your opportunity to make a great contribution to a new and worthy work. Perhaps you do not have a typewriter at your disposal, but in-

stead, you have a check in the amount equivalent to the purchase price. The Lord tells you to give it; send it on. If more than one writer or more than one check is received you may rest assured that they will be used to advantage in this phase of the Master's work.

This is your opportunity and may the Lord bless and direct you as the opportunity presents itself.

W. E. Coville, *President*,
National S. S. Convention,
Nashville, Tennessee, Rt. 1

Worldly Pleasures

(1 John 2: 15-16)

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world."

The question is often asked, "Are dancing, card playing and theater-going wrong for Christians?"

A Christian is one who loves Christ, and so the pleasures of the world do not mean anything to the Christian, because when one steps out of self into Christ, the world has very little to offer. The church, the Bible and lost souls, bring more joy into the Christian's life than all the pleasures of the world. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of the Father abideth forever." (John 2: 17).

The Christian will not continue to love the world, because it separates one from God. There was no place in the inn for Jesus to be born. He found His entrance into this world, in the stables among the cattle of a thousand hills, which God claims as His own.

Jesus was criticised by the world. His precious life was taken by worldly powers. He had no place to lay His head, other than God's green mountain beds of grass. He communed with God, only when He separated Himself from the crowds, and knelt among the Olive trees. He

was carried before wicked rulers and condemned by them. Their chief pleasure was that of the theater and games. They gave Him in to the hands of worldly people, to ridicule, to spit upon, to beat and to nail upon the cross. He who knew no sin, suffered and died, so that we who were dead in sin, might believe on Him and be delivered from a condemned and perishing world. How can anyone call themselves "Christian" and say, "it's all right for me to go to worldly amusements, because my conscience doesn't bother me." Conscience is not a safe guide, but the Holy Spirit—when He comes in your life—will lead and guide you in the paths of righteousness. Whoever you are, and wherever you are, remember that if you call yourself "Christian," live up to your name, and separate yourself from worldly pleasures, because worldly powers murdered our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not" (1 John 3:1)

Anonymous.

Fear of War and Hitler

When the name "Hitler" is mentioned, fear grips many people. Why should America fear Hitler? The answer was in the Baptist paper, given by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

America is a land of dust-covered Bibles. The closed Bible will never lead anyone to a higher and a nobler Christian life. It will never give one courage to fight the Devil. It must be read day by day, and its teachings must be lived in order to be an overcomer of the world, self and the Devil.

Christians do not fear Hitler who is a weapon in the hands of Satan, for as they study God's Word, they learn that He is a great God and that Hitler is a little man. The Christian knows that perilous times are coming, and that there will be

much suffering, but God has promised to be a very present help in the time of need. So, Why should we fear, when Jesus is always near? He has promised to be with his own, even unto the end of the world.

The reason that so many fear war and Hitler is because they are cut off from God by living sinful lives. God is willing to give peace, but they will not surrender all to him. All Christians, obedient to God's holy word, should be willing to march forward, singing:

We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
That beautiful city of God.

Mrs. C. T. Adams

Home-Coming at Sidney a Success

A large crowd attended the homecoming at Sidney Church on the 3rd Sunday. Many old members attended for the first time in several years.

A month prior to the event we held prayer meetings at the church each Wednesday evening for the success of the homecoming. We know that God heard and answered our prayers, because everything was a grand success.

The following program was rendered, with Eugene Linton in charge of the devotionals for both morning and afternoon. Sunday School was conducted at the usual hour, 10:00 a. m. Hymn, "Send the Light," by the congregation; address of welcome by Mr. J. T. Linton; hymn, "Willing Am I," by the congregation; special number, "Home of the Soul," by the congregation; an offering was taken then; prayer by Rev. D. M. Radcliff; duet, "The Church by the Side of the Road," by Leon Hudnell and Mrs. Edwin Roper; and sermon by our pastor, Rev. Hermon Wooten. Lunch was served on the grounds.

In the afternoon congregational singing and scripture reading, then Eugene Linton preached from the Sermon on the Mount. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Dail of Win-

terville. A reading was given, "The Burial of Moses," by Mr. J. T. Linton. Duet was sung, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone," by Leon Hudnell and Mrs. Edwin Roper. Then an offering was taken for the Orphanage. Sermon by Rev. Dail of Winterville was good and we had a talk by Rev. D. M. Radcliff.

(This talk was very much enjoyed by all as Brother Radcliff is one of the oldest former members of Sidney Church. He said that on Saturday, July 27, sixty-two years ago he joined Sidney Church, then known as "Old North Creek," and on the following Sunday a. m. about 10, he was baptized in the Pamlico River. He told how after he was married, his wife and children drove ten miles in a cart hitched to an old ox to attend the church services, until Free Union Church was established, of which he is now a member.)

The congregation sang as a closing song, "God Be with You," and Rev. Wooten pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Reporter

John Wanamaker's Greatest Purchase

More to be desired are they than gold (v. 10). When John Wanamaker, the merchant prince, was eleven years old he purchased a Bible. In later years he said of this purchase: "I have of course made large purchases of property in my time, involving millions of dollars. But it was as a boy in the country, at the age of eleven years, that I made my greatest purchase. In the little mission Sunday school I bought a small red leather Bible for two dollars and seventy-five cents which I paid for in small installments. Looking back over my life I see that that little red Bible was the foundation on which my life has been built and has made possible all that has counted in my life. I know now that it was the greatest investment and the most important and far-reaching purchase I ever made."—From "The Teacher".

—IN S. S. TIMES.

Camp Director:
REV. HENRY MELVIN

Date of Camp:
AUGUST 4-10

What You Should Know About Camp Leach

LEADERS

The Director of the Camp will be Rev. Henry Melvin. Other members of the faculty include: Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. R. B. Spencer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Miss Janie Belle Fitzgerald, Miss Jessie Rowland Brewer, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen, and Mrs. W. L. Moretz.



Here We Are!

Chairman Camp Committee

Rev. James A. Evans

Middlesex, N. C.



Ready for Class

CAMP

ON THE PAMLICO, WASHINGTON

In addition to the number above, we are happy to have this year two members on the faculty from out of the State: Miss Gladys Baxter, Mississippi; and Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, Chicago.

These leaders are chosen for their experience in fine Christian character. They are among the

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this Camp is seven-fold:

1. To instruct the young people in fundamental Bible doctrines and Christian principles.
 2. To offer advanced methods of Free Will League administration.
 3. To educate prospective leaders in the methods of Sunday School work.
 4. To instill in each heart a deeper appreciation and love for the better hymns of the Church.
 5. To provide healthful recreation at low cost under Church influence, and at the same time to promote genuine friendliness among the young folk of churches.
 6. To encourage a greater loyalty to the Free Will Baptist denomination.
 7. To glorify the One we love.
- More than fifteen hours are devoted to instruction in various ways during the week. This is about the amount of time available in six study in the average Sunday School.

RECREATION

All sorts of outdoor recreation are being offered at Camp Leach. Recreational leaders will have a systematic schedule which will include baseball, shoes, hiking, swimming, and other forms of amusement. This schedule will be carried out in the afternoon. (If you are planning to swim bring a robe or wrap of some kind).

An hour each evening will be devoted to a program of fun and play. Different groups will sponsor these games. Along with these sports, entertainments will be an occasional pageant, program of a more serious nature. The purpose is to provide a balanced program of entertainment, instruction, and expression.

Registration Blank

State F. W. B. L. Summer Camp

Fill all spaces carefully, detach and mail

Name _____

Church _____

Signature of Pastor _____

(Parents signature required for registration)

Send \$1 with this application blank to Registrar, address above

LEACH

WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 1940

WHAT TO REMEMBER

Here are some things to remember before and after entering Camp:

1. Regular attendance on all classes and all services.
2. Preparation of class work and observance of rest hours.
3. No one shall leave the campus without permission of the Director.
4. Everyone must be in Camp August 4 and stay until August 10, no leave without permission of Director.
5. Campers are expected Sunday evening for supper (August 4). Each camper is urged to bring a box lunch for Sunday supper.
6. Formal opening in Auditorium Sunday at 8:00 p. m.
7. We must have complete co-operation.

- WHAT TO BRING

These required:— Notebook, Pencils, Blankets, Sheets, Pillow, Toothbrush and Paste, Towels and Soap, A Pleasant Smile, A Happy Disposition.

These optional:— Camera, Bathing Suit, Bathrobe (this is required if swim suit is brought) Musical Instruments (no radio), Tennis Shoes, Outdoor Clothes, Some Spending Money.

HOW TO GET THERE

Follow Route 264 from Washington, North Carolina (going East) for about nine miles and you will see the Camp Leach sign on your right pointing toward Camp. Campers should plan to arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave on Saturday.

Those coming by train or bus to Washington should notify Rev. Henry Melvin, 1211 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina, at least three days before Camp and transportation from Washington to Camp will be arranged. State time of arrival.

Mail for campers should be addressed to Camp Leach, Washington, North Carolina.

Registration for

Camp Leach, August 4 to 10, 1940

Clarence Bowen, Box 203, East Durham, N. C.

Name _____ Address _____

Association _____

Parent _____

I state that camper agrees to conform to all regulations).

Arrival at camp you will pay balance of \$5. Mail Registration Quickly!

Age Limit:

Nine — Thirty

If Over Thirty?

Contact Director

COST

The total cost of the one week at Camp Leach will be \$6. This includes a \$1 registration fee. Detach and fill out the Registration Blank and send it with the registration fee of \$1 (money order if possible) at the earliest date to Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 203, East Durham, N. C. Please do not send checks. Further information about any phase of the Camp may be secured from the publicity director, Miss Jessie Rowland Brewer, 914 Evans Street, Greenville, N. C.



Ready to Eat

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of North Carolina



Outdoor Church



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard
P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

A Word From Tennessee

Our hearts were made glad this past week by a nice and encouraging letter from Mrs. J. E. Frazier of East Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Frazier is very active in the F. W. B. L. and women's work of the Cumberland Association, and was one of our most dependable workers in the East Nashville Church when we were there a few weeks ago. Her kind words greatly encouraged us with respect to this department, and our young people's work. She says, "If you have any advice for us of Tennessee we will be glad to have it." Well, we don't know of any advice just now, but we do want the help of the leaguers of Tennessee, and of all the other states as well, in making this department of real interest to our young people. So, come on leaguers, everywhere! Let us hear from you with newsy letters, ideas, poems, anything! We'll use all we can and be grateful for all.

Stop By and See Us!

Greenville claims to be the "hub of Eastern Carolina." We do not profess to know whether or not this claim is justified, but we do know that lots of people pass through our city, and among them no doubt are many of our young people, and people who are interested in the young people's work. Stop by and chat with us now and then! Your field Secretary can be found most of the time during business hours in the office with J. B. Oakley and Son in the Proctor Hotel Building. Telephone 3728. Mr. Ballard is in the study at the church usually in the morning from 9 to 12—at other times he can sometimes

be located by calling the phone listed above. He claims that his study is "the coolest place in Greenville" but says this does not apply to the greeting extended visitors!

Are You Using the Quarterlies?

Now, don't misunderstand us. We are not asking if you are buying the League Quarterlies—we can get that information from the Press. What we want to know is, When you do buy them do you use them? Do the leaguers keep them, read the Daily Bible readings, study the topic thoughts and, if on the program, get these thoughts into the mind so that they can be given without being read in the meeting? We believe that some such use of the quarterlies is the intention of those who prepare them. We dislike to see league quarterlies lying about on the pews in the church, and we do not enjoy league programs when those on the program stumble through their parts, showing plainly that no previous study had been given the topic, and in some places one quarterly being passed around for the readings. If you're doing like this—well, quit it!

Congratulations, Mrs. Woodard!

We wish especially to congratulate Mrs. M. A. Woodard on the splendid work she is doing in editing the Junior quarterlies. The program suggestions are simply excellent. Of course this goes for Brother Bowen and the Senior Quarterly, too. Our league literature is all something for us to be proud of. Keep the good work up, Mrs. Woodard and Mr. Bowen.

Concert Class Report

Louise Edgerton, MGR.

Union Grove	\$30.03
Pleasant Grove	20.10
Spring Hill	15.71
Stoney Creek	15.01
Stoney Creek L. A. S.	5.00
Antioch	19.81
Antioch	5.00
Hull Road	25.00
Total	\$135.66

Other Donations

2 haircuts by Mr. Joe Morris... 40

4 haircuts by Goldsboro Beauty Shoppe	1.00
2 dresses by Mrs. Floyd Dowdy	1.00
Total	\$2.40

Second Week

Harrell's Chapel	\$ 4.02
Howell's Swamp	10.18
Free Union	16.00
Friendship	12.01
Marlboro (Marlboro League \$5.00) Total	57.35
Grimsley	8.52
Third Union Meeting District	

of the Western Union

Rally ----- 7.73

Total ----- \$115.81

I wish to congratulate the members of the League at Marlboro on the fine work they are doing. They are a newly organized band of workers, and they have a fine spirit of co-operation. As you will observe in the report, their donation to the Orphanage was \$5.00. This is the only League that has made any contribution.

Marlboro church and also the Orphanage have an outstanding friend in Farmville. Though not a member of that church, Mr. Wainwright certainly did a fine piece of work. While distributing "Esso" gas, for that is his occupation, he was also making a collection. On Friday night when the program was over he had \$41 to add to their donation. It would be nice to have a Mr. Wainwright in every community. However we wish to thank every one who helped to make that contribution possible.

Concert Class Report

Alma Broughton, MGR.

Ninth Week

Smith's New Home	\$ 7.20
Woodington	12.00
Kinston	26.04
Deep Run	12.27
Deep Run S. S. Class No. 5	5.00
Sandy Plains	25.00
Sandy Plains L. A. S.	5.00
Cabin	16.62
Cabin L. A. S.	5.00

Total ----- \$114.13

Tenth Week

Sarecta	\$10.00
Bethlehem	15.00
Lanier's Chapel	9.00
Beulaville	15.00
Beulaville Sunday School	9.34
Pearsall's Chapel	27.35
Snow Hill	10.27

Total ----- \$95.96

Letter from Cullman, Ala.

As I read the Bible and one of Billy Sunday's good books, I am impressed to write a note concerning the liquor question. The mothers and fathers who vote for booze are encouraging their boys and girls to drink and to serve the Devil. If people who drink would give that money to God's servants, there would be more conversion than wrecks and killings. Men and women, boys and girls are going into eternity under the influence of whiskey all the while. People who die in that condition have no hope. God will say in that final day, "Depart from me, for I never knew you."

There is no wonder that we are having wars, pestilences and terrible times. But if the people who have their names on the church registers would pray more, and stand up for the Lord and teach their children to serve the Lord, we would have better times. Today, when you go to church, prayer meeting, Sunday School, and the like, you find only a few in attendance. But go to the shows, baseball games, to the bathing beaches and so on, and you will find plenty people there. I am like Billy Sunday, for I want to know if the saloon and other evil things ever helped the church or anyone who tried to serve the Lord.

Good people are always against the saloons or anything that the Devil is for. Do the taxes on these saloons lighten the taxes on the poor working class of people? Does whiskey ever help the business of the country? No, it is degrading and damning to the business of people. Just think of the man who takes to drinking. He will soon go to the dogs and ruin his family. His family will be broken up.

I have a book entitled, "A Whiskey Hatch, or Chickens Will Come Home to Roost." It tells the truth, and if all the whiskey drinkers could read it, they would say, "I am thru with booze." I want all who read this note pray that God will

get hold of the whiskey heads so that they will be glad to turn their backs on the Devil and serve the Lord.

I want to say a word just here for the dear paper. It is a welcome visitor in our home. I have been sick for two months, and I can hardly wait for it to come. I read the Bible and all the good books that I can get. I do really enjoy Brother Griffin's *Notes and Quotes*. I also like to read Mrs. C. T. Adams' articles, or letters. I like the Sunday School corner. In fact, I like all of the paper.

I am very weak and can sit up but very little. I want all who read this to pray much for me that God will heal my body. Please pray for my husband as he goes from field to field holding revivals. Pray for my children that we all may stay humble at the foot of the cross.

Yours in the interest of better living,

Mrs. Maudie Quick,
Cullman, Alabama,
Route 1

Special Attention!

The Pittman Memorial Pastors' Institute to be held at Davis, North Carolina, will open its session this year on Sunday night, August 11, and continue through the week, closing Friday afternoon. Arrangements have been made for a largely attended and successful Institute, and we are looking forward to a better and more largely attended session than has yet been held. The faculty is made up of splendid men who are among the best qualified in our ranks. The time is short. If we have not yet decided as to whether or not we will attend, let us do so at once, and make arrangements to be there.

All Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina, whether active pastors or not, are urged to attend. Any minister out of the state who has an opportunity is invited to attend and is given a hearty welcome. Those of other denominations who

desire our association and fellowship are most cordially invited to be with us. Any layman who is desirous of seeing our work prosper to the good of the people and the glory of God, and who desires the association and fellowship of the ministers attending, and that of the local church, is also cordially invited.

Let us get ready and attend this year. The expense is small. The pleasure and benefits are large. Many churches and auxiliaries have arranged to pay the expenses of their pastors. Pastors, don't let them down on this! They are interested in you. They want to help you prepare yourself for greater and better service in your ministry. Let us look forward to the Second Sunday in August, and, if possible, go to Davis.

J. E. Wooten

"Measure of the Fulness of Love"

And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence and the other fifty.

And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said thou hast rightly judged (Luke 7: 40-43).

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Gal. 5: 14.)

If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well (James 2: 8).

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. Mitchell

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Works and the Word of God

(Lesson for August 11)

Lesson: Psalm 19: 1-14.

Golden Text: *"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer"* (Psalm 19: 14).

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

How does God reveal Himself to man? This question is answered in Psalm 19 for the central thought is that of revelation. (1) Through nature God speaks to every nation in a language all may understand (vss. 2-4). In the heavens His handiwork—the sun, moon and stars—reveal His glory, His majesty, and might. What a beautiful illustration is given of the sun going forth on its beneficent errand every morning without fail (vs. 6). But the universal revelation of God in nature reminded Paul of the revelation of God's love in Christ through the preaching of the Gospel to all nations (Romans 10: 18). There are millions who live in heathen darkness, who only know of God through nature and they live in dread fear because they know of His power, but not of His love in Christ. Nature has no word of forgiveness, this alone is found in the Gospel. (2) Through the Law God reveals His will to man. It is perfect (Ps. 19: 7), giving a complete revelation of God's requirements. His word is *sure, right, pure, enlightening* (vs. 8). *clean, enduring, true and righteous* (vs. 9). By them we are warned. How true! Our feet have been saved from the paths of sin and destruction through heeding God's warnings in Scripture. In the keeping of them we have found such reward (vs. 11), such joy, peace, hope,

such treasures of truth, love and goodness, that they are more to be desired than gold and sweeter than honey (vs. 10). The Scriptures have, through the Holy Spirit, revealed to us Jesus, and the very thought of Him "with sweetness fills my breast, but sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest."

(3) Only through the Word and the illumination of the Holy Spirit can we know our errors, our secret faults (vs. 12). It is the Word which reveals our sins, which reveals our real self. With the revelation of self as a sinner comes the revelation of Christ through whose sacrifice we are cleansed and through whose ceaseless intercession we are saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7: 25).—*A. H.*

II. LESSON ILLUSTRATION

The Man Who Made a Universe—An incident is related of an eminent astronomer, which shows how men in the name of reason, are guilty often of the most irrational conduct.

The great scientist had a friend who strenuously denied the existence and power of God. The astronomer had with much care conducted a concave in miniature, upon which he represented all the planets and stars in their places, together with their evolutions and courses. One day his friend came to see him, and noticing the ingenious piece of work asked, "Who made that?"

"Who made it?" repeated the astronomer. "Why, nobody; it came by chance."

"Nonsense!" said his friend. "Really, who made it?"

"Nobody," came the reply again. It came by chance, I tell you."

"Don't be absurd," was the response in irritation. "Someone must have made it. Why don't you tell me who it was?"

Then the astronomer turning to his friend, said: "This poor miniature which I have made to represent what God has created in the universe you say cannot have arisen from an

irresponsible cause; and yet you tell me that the wonderful and mighty works around and above us are a mere fortuitous combination of atoms. How do you explain your inconsistency?"—*Bishop Fiske.*

III. HOME WORK

1. To what in nature may our sins be likened? (Isaiah 44: 22).

2. To what object in nature is the heart that is cleansed to be compared? (Isaiah 1: 18).

3. To what is the coming of God's blessing likened? Psalm 72: 6).

4. To what is the strength of Christ's Coming compared? (Psalm 19: 4, 5).

5. To what is the spiritual life likened? (John 3: 8; 7: 38).

6. What is the basis of our acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God? (2 Timothy 3: 16; 2 Peter 1: 21).

7. Who is the supreme Revealer of God? (Hebrew 1: 1, 2).

8. By what means does Christ reveal God today? (John 20: 30, 31; 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17).

9. Why do we believe the Old Testament to be the Word of God? (Romans 9: 6; 2 Timothy 3: 16; 2 Peter 1: 21; Hebrews 4: 12).

10. Why do we believe the New Testament to be the Word of God? (1 Corinthians 2: 13; 14: 37; John 20: 30, 31).

11. Our quarterlies have some lovely thoughts on this Psalm which we feel sure you are not going to miss. Also read Psalm 119 if there is time.

A Living Peace

What a peace is Christ supreme?

To live for him, his praise to sing;
Not a care in that heavenly realm,
Guided here by our loving King.
Leads us in the paths of right,
Lord Jesus, the Christ, our

strength and might.

What have we to lean upon?

Nothing but our Lord's strong arm;

Out-reached and ready to receive

The penitent child who will believe

Upon His name and saving power,

Lord Jesus, the Christ, our strength and tower.

What have we to cherish more?

Than our Saviour whom we adore;

Our only hope of life eternal

To dwell upon this earth made new.

When He comes to rule and reign,

Lord Jesus, the Christ, He's coming again.

What have we now more precious this?

The promise of Him, the heavenly bliss.

It's only a span from shore to shore

To Jesus Christ the open door

Our Saviour waits with out-stretched arms

To shield and protect us from all harm.

Mrs. Heber Strickland,
Bellarthur, N. C.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

MISS LOUISE EDGERTON, Manager

Date	Church	County
Thurs., July 18	Stoney Creek	Wayne
Fri., July 19	Antioch	Wayne
Sat., July 20	Hull Road	Greene
Mon., July 22	Harrell's Chapel	Greene
Tues., July 23	Howell's Swamp	Greene
Wed., July 24	Free Union	Greene
Thurs., July 25	Friendship	Greene
Fri., July 26	Marlboro	Pitt
Sat., July 27	Crimley	Greene
Mon., July 29	St.'s Delight	Greene
Tues., July 30	Little Creek	Greene
Wed., July 31	Elm Grove	Pitt
Thurs., August 1	Ayden	Pitt
Fri., August 2	Rose Hill	Pitt
Sat., August 3	Black Jack	Pitt

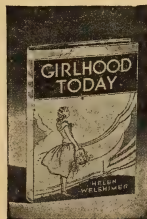
Mon., August 5	Winterville	Pitt	Tues., Aug. 20	Owens Chapel	Wilson
Tues., Aug. 6	Reedy Branch	Pitt	Wed., Aug. 21	Otters Creek	Edgecombe
Wed., August 7	Bethany	Pitt	Thurs., Aug. 22	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Thurs., Aug. 8	Piney Grove	Pitt	Fri., Aug. 23	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe
Fri., Aug. 9	Greenville	Pitt	Sat., Aug. 24	Barne's Hill	Nash
Sat., Aug. 10	Parker's Chapel	Pitt	Mon., Aug. 26	Piney Grove	Nash
Mon., Aug. 12	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt	Tues., Aug. 27	Mount Zion	Nash
Tues., Aug. 13	Hickory Grove	Pitt	Wed., Aug. 28	People's Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Aug. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt	Thurs., Aug. 29	Rose Bud	Wilson
Thurs., Aug. 15	King's X Roads	Pitt	Fri., Aug. 30	Edgemont	Durham
Fri., Aug. 16	Spring Branch	Greene	Sat., Aug. 31	Union Grove	Durham
Sat., Aug. 17	Saratoga	Wilson	Mon., Sept. 2	Hansley's Chapel	Durham
Mon., Aug. 19	Aspin Grove	Wilson	Tues., Sept. 3	Oak Grove	Durham

Two Practical New Books

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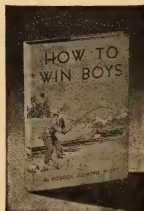
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The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

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Boys and Girls Corner

Say, Fellows

Say fellows, in the 19 Psalm you have before you one of the grandest passages, not only in the Bible but in all literature. You could not do a better thing than to memorize these fourteen verses. They will enrich your thinking, and therefore your life. They comprise one of the peaks, as in a mountain range.

At this moment I am looking out of a window in Ben Lippen upon the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains encircling Asheville, North Carolina. They witness eloquently of God and of life and eternity. You hear people speaking of "the eternal hills." Of course they are not eternal, but they are about the best physical suggestion of eternity that one can find, as they roll back, one after the other like huge billows until vision fails in the blue haze miles and miles beyond. Mountains are such massive and apparently impenetrable things, full of mystery. One may speculate indefinitely on what may be contained in them. Men have bored in and found gold and silver, iron, coal and other valuable minerals, or possibly great reservoirs of clear crystal—even healing waters. But the great mountain stands there still, silent, and immovable, mutely saying, "You will never know all my secret until my Creator reveals it to you."

This 19th Psalm is a mountain packed with infinite treasure. And the Holy Spirit says to you: "Would you like to go in with me and explore it?" He even says something better than that; for he adds: "And you may help yourself to every beautiful and wonderful and priceless thing I shall show you!" "God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2: 10).

We have space only for a sample (you look for others—the Spirit will

show you), and we will choose verse 9, first clause: "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." There are two kinds of fear. The one most commonly understood is a cringing, uncomfortable, distressing fear—fear of injury, or misfortune, of disappointment, of death.

This old world is becoming jittery because of fear; unnamed dread of what shall be next. No Christian should ever have that kind of fear. One of the great purposes our Lord Jesus had in coming to the earth was to banish fear. You study the "fear nots" of Jesus, even beginning with the angel Gabriel's announcement of the coming birth of Jesus (Luke 1:30), and the times and places where Jesus himself said, "Fear not!" The world appears to be tottering. World power is in the saddle; but Jesus said: "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Now "the fear of the Lord" spoken of in Psalm 19 is a very different thing, for it is not fear at all as you may understand fear. Dr. Scofield says it is "reverential trust, with hatred of evil" (or sin). It is a holy awe one should feel as in the presence of God, whom we can love and trust, instead of fear.

There are two qualities in this wholesome fear. One is that it is clean. You and I, sensing we are in the presence of the Lord (which we actually are, all the time), will not descend to dirty acts; we will not even entertain them in thought. Clean, clean, clean! Oh, what a joy it is to be clean! A clean mind to think God's thoughts after him; clean hands with which to do his service; a clean body for the housing of His Spirit. It is the vital thing for joyous service. The other quality is *Endurance*. We may summon strength for a brief fight, but the battle against sin runs on and on. We want endurance; we do not want to weaken and fail. "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever"! Jesus never fails. We are in this conflict "for the duration of the

war." There is no discharge, and we want to win. We must win!

Oh, fellows, let's look into the face of Jesus (2 Cor. 4: 6) and ask him now to give us that sense of awe in his presence, that hatred of the sin which does so easily beset us (Heb. 12: 1, 2), and a vision of the sublime task he has given us to do for him (Dan. 11: 32b)—so that we may be *clean* — and *endure*.—BEN LIPPEN, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

—Selected.

OBITUARIES

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RICE. Early Sunday morning, June 2, 1940, Aunt Mary Rice peacefully passed away into the presence of the Lord. She had been in ill health for several years, but she bore her sickness with patience.

She was one of the oldest members of the Rock of Zion Church. She was a faithful member in her church and in the Ladies Aid society. She took a very great pleasure in helping the Orphanage and those in need.

She is survived by three step-sons, Mr. D. W. Rice of Alliance, with whom she resided, Mr. Noah Rice, and Mr. Heaton Rice, both of Arapahoe. She had four half-sisters and two half-brothers.

Her funeral was conducted from the home by Rev. M. C. Prescott. The body was laid to rest in the Paul Cemetery under a mound of flowers.

Flowers placed upon her grave,

Wither and decay;

But the love we held for her

Will never fade away.

Written by Erma Carmady

ALLEN—On Saturday afternoon, July 20, 1940, Brother Tom Allen passed from this life to his eternal reward. Brother Allen was seventy-three years old.

He was a very faithful member to his church. He was always ready to help to do anything which he could for it.

We, the members of the Auxiliary of his church, Dublin Grove wish to express to the family our deepest sympathy, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

Our church and community has lost a good man. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Phillip Woodard, and assisted by Rev. J. R. Bennett, and also as-

sisted by Rev. Davis of the Missionary Baptist church at Aurora, North Carolina.
Mrs. George Hudnell

Home-Coming Day

There will be a Homecoming Day at Pleasant Plain Church the second Sunday in August. All former pastors and members are especially invited to be present.

There will be the Sunday School and preaching service in the morning. Dinner will be served on the grounds. After dinner, a roll call, followed with speaking and singing. Everybody is invited to come and help us have a good time in the services of the Lord.

Program Committee:

Mrs. W. O. Fields,
Mrs. Raiford Creech,
Mr. Jack Sullivan.

Second Union Report

Our union meeting met with Flood's Chapel on June 29, 1940. After the usual devotional exercises, the moderator called the business to order. The various committees were appointed, and all visitors were invited to seats with us. Rev. L. H. Boykin and Eppie Barnes of the First Union meeting were present. Also Rev. Herman Finch of the Missionary Baptist church.

The list of ministers was called and five were present. The morning sermon was delivered by L. H. Boykin. After the sermon one hour was given for dinner. A nice lunch was spread on the church grounds, and was enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session was called to order after a song and prayer, and the churches were represented with the delegates, and the total contribution amounted to \$33. Then the various committees made their various reports which were accepted at this time. Rev. Finch made a wonderful address. The Appropriation Committee's report was as follows: to the Orphanage \$19; to the disabled ministers \$7.50 each. Then a motion was made to adjourn for

this time. The next union is to go to Mt. Zion Church in Nash County, five miles west of Nashville, N. C. in September. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Flood's Chapel and the community for their kindness shown to this union meeting.

The union then closed with praise and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Eppie Barnes.

T. W. Stancil, *Moderator*,
Rev. J. Frank Parrisher,
Clerk.

A Love Offering for Miss Barnard

Dear Co-Workers:

Miss Laura Belle Barnard has been in India almost five years, and she is expecting to return home on a furlough about the First of September for a rest for a while.

Now, this is the thing I am want-

ing the people to do for her. Let everyone who possibly can send Bro. I. J. Blackwelder an extra offering and let it be a love offering for Sister Barnard's ticket home. Just think what a wonderful thing it will be to have her return in September, and visit our churches while here on her furlough.

I believe that it takes about three hundred dollars for transportation, and I am starting the offering with one dollar. How many more will come on right away? Let us get busy and raise a fine love offering for her ticket home in September. She has planned to return about the First of September. Let everyone give to this love offering just as God leads you to do so. There is not set any amount for you to give, but give as God has blessed you.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

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PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Union meeting will convene with the church at Riverside, Johnston County, on September 29, 1940.

Saturday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional led by Rev. Herman Wooten
- 9:45—Enrollment
- 10:00—Report of disabled ministers
- 10:05—Report of churches
- 10:45—Intermission
- 11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. H. French
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotional led by Mrs. T. E. Beamon
- 1:10—Report of Sunday School Board
- 1:20—Education Report
- 1:30—Round Table discussion
 - Subject: The Needs of the Weak Churches, by Rev. C. H. Coats
- 1:55—Petition for the next union
- 2:00—Resolutions
- 2:15—Report of Program Committee
- 2:20—Special music by local church
- 2:30—Scripture quotations led by W. A. Jackson
- 2:45—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 2:50—Miscellaneous business
- 3:10—Closing exercise by Rev. G. C. Joyner

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PSALMS 88:13

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I shall swell the song of worship
Through the everlasting years.

I am looking at the brightness,
(See, it shineth from afar),
Of the clear and joyous beaming,
Of the "Bright and Morning Star,"
Through the dark grey mist of morning
Do I see its glorious light;
Then away with every shadow
Of this sad and weary night.

I am waiting for the coming
Of the Lord who died for me:
Oh, His words have thrilled my spirit,
"I will come again for thee."
I can almost hear his footfall
On the threshold of the door,
And my heart, my heart is longing
To be His for evermore.

—Anonymous

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more 'tis shook, it shines.—*Hamilton*
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Rochefoucauld* . . . Most of our mis-
fortunes are more supportable than
the comments of our friends upon
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Builder's Foundation

By Rev. Thos. E. Beaman

INTRODUCTION

In Paul's letter to the church at Corinth he gives expression of a wise master builder building upon a permanent foundation. He said "I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon; for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid in Christ Jesus." (1 Corinthians 3: 10, 11.) The Christian church may be likened to a house, a temple, or a city. Under each of these metaphors believers are considered as the materials—the stones of which it is composed. God is the great Architect, and Jesus Christ is the foundation and the head of the corner.

In the construction of any building that is worth while great care is to be exercised in laying the foundation and of selecting the materials out of which the building is to be constructed. So it is with the church which Jesus Christ has established. It is to be built upon the foundation composed of the eternal rock of ages to which is to be anchored the souls fitted and destined for all eternity. The elect, precious sure and chosen of God. Here must rest the weight of every saved soul and of the whole church.

I.

For the church there can be no other foundation and she needs no other foundation. The term is architectural, and refers to that which is the lowest part of the building and on which all the whole structure rests. It is often employed, however, to denote the beginning of anything, sometimes the essential principle of any system. The church is a spiritual edifice and Jesus is the foundation stone, as well as the head of the corner. Redemption is a dispensation of grace and mercy to man;

for that dispensation Jesus is the beginning. Christianity is a system of truth: of that system Christ is both the center and the essential principle.

II.

The gospel is emphatically the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is its founder, source, subject and glory. All the doctrines of the gospel, all its privileges, all its blessings are from Him only. All its ordinances bear His name, and all its light and glory emanates from Him. Christ is therefore, the foundation of the gospel.

III.

The foundation of the sinner's acceptance with God is Christ. He is the only way of access to God, the one Mediator, the true propitiation, the sure Mercy-Seat. "There is no other name given among men whereby we can be saved, save the name of Jesus." "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man cometh to the Father, but by Me." The sinner is justified by faith in Him, and is accepted in the Beloved. "We have redemption in His blood even the forgiveness of sin."

IV.

The foundation of the Believer's hope is in Christ; for the Christian is "begotten with a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1: 3 Christ is in him the "Hope of Glory." (Colossians 1: 27.) The believer's hope relates to full and complete salvation, victory in death, an entrance into the kingdom of glory, resurrection from the dead, in the likeness of Christ, and eternal bliss in the presence of God forever. But all of these grand and sublime hopes rest on the Saviour. We conquer through Him, die happily only in Him, are admitted into paradise by Him, shall be raised by

His power, and have eternal life flowing from Him.

V.

The whole church rests on the foundation that has been laid in Christ. Peter confessed Christ glorious and divine character when he declared to be the son of the living God, and Christ himself said that upon this rock, meaning of course this true and stable confession, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The distinguishing characteristics of this foundation so laid in Christ are quickly discernable when once we look at it. The utmost importance of the foundation of any building is its strength. Were it frail and yielding the safety of the building would be endangered. The psalmist recognized this fact and exclaimed "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do. But this foundation in Christ is Omnipotence itself (All powerful). "The Lord is a rock and his way is perfect." He possesses all power, both in heaven and earth.

VI.

The suitability of this foundation is a paramount principle. All of the perfections of God are recognized and thus He is worthy of all praise and all honor. His ways are ways of wisdom, truth, holiness and justice.

*"Here the whole of Deity is known,
Nor dares the creatures guess
Which of the glories brightest shone
The justice or the grace."*

It is exactly adapted to the sinner's needs. It is suitable to his state and circumstances. Here is mercy and grace brought down to level with his conditions. Here is all he needs and all within his grasp.

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EDITORIAL

The Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund

Why is it we do not see articles in the Baptist from the auxiliary workers, as we once did, boosting the Anna Phillips Loan Fund? Is it the fact that the enthusiasm which was shown for it a few years back has died out? Or are the auxiliary workers more interested in other phases of the church program? Whether this be true or not, it is generally conceded by many of the church leaders that the Anna Phillips Loan Fund is a fine thing as a means to help worthy boys and girls in securing higher training. Especially is this true for those who greatly desire to go to college, but do not have the necessary funds to get a college education.

This educational fund has been a great assistance to several worthy boys and girls in going to college for the past few years. The help which it has given to them has been appreciated, and some of them, we are informed, are out of college now and are paying back the borrowed money from the loan. There are others who are still in college pursuing their courses to graduation. Then, after graduation, they too will go to work and begin paying back the money which they borrowed to secure a college education.

There are many more, however, who are worthy of a college education, and who would appreciate such assistance from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund. But unless the fund keeps growing, it will not be large enough to aid so many worthy boys and girls to get a college education. We know it is a fine thing and that it should be boosted, and kept going and growing year after year so that many more worthy students can be helped through its fund after high

school graduation. It means much for this fund to be able to assist such boys and girls to prepare themselves for life's usefulness. We feel that this is one splendid piece of work which the women of North Carolina have started for the good of the youth of the church. It should not be neglected, not forgotten, but it should be continued for the great service which it can render in the future. Through the years it should be a growing memorial to the honor and praise of the Women's Auxiliary of the State. May we see new interest taken in this work of the Loan Fund, and hear of more worthy boys and girls being helped in the pursuance of college training.

North Carolina State Association Soon to Meet

The North Carolina State Association will be holding its next annual session soon. The coming association will be held with the Little Rock church at Lucama in Wilson County. The church is located in a splendid little town, and the association will be entertained in a royal manner by the fine people of that church and community.

Some years ago the association (State Convention then) met there to the joy and satisfaction of all who were present. We well remember the occasion and the splendid session which was held there at that time. Quite a number of improvements have been made in the church since that date and we think that the Committee on Location of the Association selected very wisely Little Rock Church as the appropriate place for this sitting of the State Association. Let everyone look forward to the coming occasion with great joy, and hope that divine

Providence will grant us the greatest session ever held of the association. May the ministers, delegates, church leaders and friends plan early to attend during the entire session, and to do all within their power to advance the cause of Christ through the medium of the association.

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Rev. K. V. Shutes State Evangelist

We have observed for sometime that Rev. K. V. Shutes of Georgia has been doing a good work as state evangelist. He was made state evangelist for Georgia by his association, and from all reports he has been doing a splendid piece of work holding revivals and building up the work in some of the weak churches. New work also has been started, we are informed, in some good fields for new churches by Brother Shutes.

We feel that it is a fine step taken by the Free Will Baptists of Georgia to further the cause of righteousness, and at the same time to extend the work of the church. Brother Shutes is a man fired with the zeal to go out to proclaim the Gospel to lost souls, and is worthy of the hearty support and the best wishes of his people.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Sat., Aug. 10	Pleasant Grove	Harnett
Mon., August 12	Prospect	Harnett
Tues., Aug. 13	Bethel	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 14	St. Mary's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 15	Hopewell	Johnston
Fri., Aug. 16	Johnston Union	Johnston
Sat., August 17	Powhatan	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 19	Tee's Chapel	Johnston
Tues., August 20	Riverside	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 21	Pine Level	Johnston
Thur., Aug. 22	Rains X Roads	Johnston
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancel's Chapel	Johnston

Building at Davis

It has been in the minds of the church people of Davis, N. C. for a long time, to erect suitable rooms that we may carry on a more efficient Sunday School work. Such a building as we had in mind was too costly for us to erect at the time, so we began in a small way to raise funds for that purpose.

The Pittman Memorial Pastors' Institute has held its three sessions at our church doubtless because of the high regards they had for our people, and also because of our location on the sea coast of North Carolina. The said Institute having raised some money for the purpose of erecting a dining hall has kindly consented to use their money on our building reserving the right to use it one week each year.

The Western Association through the influence of Rev. R. N. Hinnant has also consented to help as much as possible in this work. The work on our annex has already begun and will be closed in by the time the Institute meets with us the week of August 11th.

The kind of annex we are building will be one story, built on the back of the main building with six large class rooms and one storage room. It will have a six foot hall leading from the main auditorium through the entire building. It will be well lighted and ventilated. We have kept in mind the needs of the Institute in providing four rooms easily opened into one hall for a dining room.

The size of our entire building is as follows: Main auditorium 32 by 52 feet, annex 30 by 48 feet. We also have a well arranged parsonage.

To my mind, we will have one of the best and possibly the largest church plants to be found in a large area. Davis is a good location for a pastor to live that he might build up a great work. We have no stationed pastor now but we are working to that end.

May our purpose in this work be three-fold; namely, to provide a bet-

ter school, to build a permanent home for the Institute and most important that His name may be glorified and many people be spiritually blessed.

Pray for us while we build that our eyes may not gaze upon temporal things but be fixed upon Him.

Leslie Styron

A Word Concerning Elder Phillips

As it has been sometime since the Baptist has given the readers any word from Elder E. T. Phillips, he is desirous of letting his good friends know how he is getting along.

The extreme heat a few days ago made it very hard on him, as he is very weak and has to lie in bed all the time. Since the weather has become more pleasant for the last few days, he is getting along some better. Brother Phillips has a good appetite most of the time and has gained some flesh during the past few months. At times his heart gives him much trouble and he has difficulty with his breathing. However, when his breathing is clear and he is at his best, he is cheerful and able to talk with those who call by to see him.

Brother Phillips is asking that the Baptist readers remember him in their prayers, and send him from time to time cards and letters of sympathy and good wishes. He wants to hear from them. He enjoys receiving words of consolation from his good friends at any time. He would like for those who can to call by to pay him a short visit and talk with him. Lying upon his bed of afflictions, he as anyone would, becomes weary and lonesome at times and longs for a friend to drop in to see him for a short while.

Mrs. Phillips, his faithful companion, is very attentive to him and is able to do her home duties all the while. She is always glad to have friends to drop in to spend a few minutes with them. It helps to revive and cheer them very much.—

Editor.

"The Toy-Strewn House"

"Give me the house where the toys are strewn,

Where the dolls are asleep in the chairs,

Where the building blocks and the toy balloon

And the soldiers guard the stairs;
Let me sleep in the house where the tiny cart

With its horses rule the floors,
And rest comes into my heart,
For I am at home once more.

Give me the house with the toys about,

With the battered old train of cars,

The box of paints and the books left out

And the ship with her broken spars;

Let me step in a house at the close of day

That is littered with children's toys,

And dwell once more in the haunts of play

With the echoes of bygone noise.

Give me the house where the toys are seen,

The house where the children romp,

And I'll be happier than man has been

'Neath the gilded dome of pomp.

Let me see the litter of bright-eyed play

Strewn over the parlor floor,

And the joys I knew in a far-off day
Will gladden my heart once more.

Whosoever has lived in a toy-strewn house

Though feeble he be and gray,

Will yearn, no matter how far he roam,

For the glorious disarray

Of the little house with its littered floor

That was his in the bygone days

And his heart will throb as it throbbed before

When he rests where a baby plays."

—Author Unknown

Turn to the Lord While He May Be Found

(The main thought contained in this little tract came to the writer one Wednesday night while he was at prayer meeting).

(Printed in the Baptist by request)

KIND READER, The Bible says we are all born or conceived in sin. Read Psalms 51: 5 and 1 Corinthians 15: 22. Through Adam's disobedience in the Garden of Eden to God's command, he fell from his perfect state of life and brought all mankind under the curse and condemnation of sin, (Genesis 3: 1-19). The Adamic nature to sin and to do evil in life is inborn in everyone, and when a person is old enough to know good from evil, he is held responsible by the Heavenly Father for the kind of life which he lives. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4: 17; also read John 9:41).

You are held, kind reader, responsible by God for the kind of life you are living today, and if you have never turned to Him in humble trust, and have not been forgiven of your sins, you are still a sinner. To be perfectly plain, you are an unsaved person. Moreover, to live on and die in this sinful state, your soul will be eternally lost. Read Romans 2: 1-9, and 1 Peter 4: 5. The Bible plainly teaches that you are entreated by Christ to turn unto Him, for He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 12: 28). You need day by day His comforting assurances of salvation. Your sinful life is not only harmful to yourself, but also it is leading others in the paths of evil and against God. Your evil deeds, whatever they are, keep you from doing the will of God. Such a life brings on troubles, disappointments, heartaches, and often years of bereavement and final destruction. By turning to the Lord now in simple faith, you will find life easier, happier and better in every way. You should turn to Him

that you might make others happy by your new life fully surrendered to Jesus. By your influence and Christian living, many would be led to follow, in your footsteps, to the Cross of Christ. If you are perfectly honest, you will admit that these are very good reasons why you should turn to the Lord while He may be found. Knowing that you are a sinner and in a lost condition, you need to profess Christ as your personal Savior without delay. You can be assured that Jesus is standing ready to receive you now.

In the first place, you may wish to ask, *When should I turn to the Lord?* The answer is *Now*, kind reader, while you are young. Give your heart to God and live for Him. It is an easier thing to do, while you are young and tender in years, to become a Christian than it will be when you have grown old and hardened to life's experiences. When the Spirit is calling you to turn to Christ, do not delay until some future date, but give up your sins and come to Jesus who will save your soul. By your delaying indefinitely this all-important matter, the Holy Spirit may withdraw from you, and leave you hopeless of the joys of eternal life. Read Genesis 6: 3; Psalm 51: 10, 11, 12; and Galatians 5: 16, 17.

But if you have neglected salvation while young and have grown into middle life, or have become old, you should by all means not delay any longer accepting Christ as your personal Savior. You have no time to delay salvation, for now is the accepted time for you to turn to the Lord. You have gained no good thing by delaying this important matter. As you are aware of the fact, you have to make the decision for yourself to accept Christ and live for Him. No one else can do this for you. You are not to wait until great cares, too heavy to bear, come nor until troubles and disappointments overshadow you before turning your heart to the Lord for mercy and pardon. He wants you to come *now* with complete faith and trust in Him. Every blessing which

you have received God was kind and loving enough to bestow on you because He loves you. Accordingly, He is ready and willing to receive you as His child the moment you turn to Him in simple faith and trust, and place your all on His altar and live for Him. It is your duty, then, to make up your mind to repent, believe the gospel, and have faith in Jesus to save you from your sins.

In the next place, you may wish to ask, *How shall I turn to the Lord and be saved?* The answer is very plain. First, you must be sorry over the sinful way you have been living. You are to be greatly disturbed of the sinful things which you have done against your fellow-man. You must deeply regret and feel all undone of the bad way you have treated your own people, your loved ones. You are also to be greatly hurt and full of sorrow over the way you have mistreated your own body for the indulgences of the flesh. Moreover, you are to be very sorrowful (deeply grieved) of your transgressions against God's laws for mankind; that is, the way you have ignored His divine will; the way you have abused his name; the way you have been unthankful to Him for all the blessings which He has given you; the way you have criticised His Church and His servants; the way you have neglected studying the Bible; and the way you have spurned (cast aside) the leadings of the Holy Spirit when He spoke in that silent voice to you *to shun the evil things and do the right things in life*.

In truth, kind reader, you are to be a penitent, undone sinner, anxious and ready to call upon the Lord for mercy and forgiveness of all the sinful things which you have committed in your past life. You are to repent before the Lord of your sinful life, begging His forgiveness and seeking His love and divine guidance. This is the simple truth which every sinner should heed. You are to have faith in Him to save you from all of your transgressions, and then you are to trust Him each day

you live as your personal Saviour. This means you are to lay down your bad life with all of its sinful practices and let Christ come into your heart, and give you a new life with the blessed assurance of heavenly peace. Then, by your new life thru Christ Jesus, you will be a Christian in the truest sense, and will receive new joy by having become a child of God.

In conclusion, we wish to state that this little gospel tract was prepared that you, kind reader, and others might read it with care, and consider seriously the thought which it contains. When you are through with it and should you care not to keep it, will you please pass it on to someone else who might profit by reading and abiding by its pleading words. Whatever good this tract may do to those who read its contents, may the praise and honor go to God who led the writer to prepare it for publication and distribution. AMEN.

R. B. Spencer

High Lights of the F. W. B. L. Convention of North Carolina

By Mrs. Clarence Bowen

The Free Will Baptist League Convention of North Carolina met in its fourteenth annual session with Reedy Branch church, Pitt County, July 3, 4, 1940.

The Theme, "All for Jesus," was stressed throughout the entire convention.

Delegates and visitors representing 62 leagues attended, totaling approximately 300. From the placid waters of Albemarle Sound to the towering, rock-ribbed hills of Western Carolina they came to blend their voices and hearts in Christian harmony and co-operation.

A most cordial welcome was extended the large group of young people by Cleveland Vincent, local president, being graciously responded to by Earle Tippet of Middlesex.

The convention sermon was delivered by John Linton, ministerial stu-

dent of Wake Forest College. Using for his subject, "All for Jesus," Mr. Linton emphasized the question, "Are we all for Jesus?"

Rev. Henry Melvin of Durham brought an evangelistic message Wednesday evening, using as a basis for his thoughts the question of the Philippiian jailor, "What must I do to be saved?" Mr. Melvin suggested that we should (1) Inquire about the way of salvation, (2) Repent of our sins, (3) Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Thursday morning, Rev. W. L. Moretz of Swannanoa, in his message of inspiration, urged the young people to prepare themselves for great service in the Master's moral vineyard. He pointed out that it took more than education to be a leader, and reminded them that the Holy Spirit was their greatest teacher.

Special music featured the convention program throughout. Young people from many sections of the state took active parts in the program of music.

The Honor Awards were given to the following leagues: *Adult*, Thomas H. Willey league, Edgemont, Durham; *Senior*, Free Union league, Wake County; *Intermediate*, Hansleys Chapel, Durham County; *Junior*, Henry Melvin league, Edgemont, Durham; *Primary*, Hansleys Chapel, Broadcasters league, Durham Co.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 203 East Durham; Vice-President, Charlie H. Little, Winterville; Recording Secretary, Ruth Moye, Snow Hill; Corresponding Secretary, Olivia Ferguson, Leslie St., Goldsboro; Treasurer, L. H. McDade, Box 203, East Durham.

Challenging Quarter chairman, Raymond Sasser, Lucama; Field Secretary, Mrs. Loy E. Ballard, Greenville.

1941 session will convene with Soundside church in Tyrell County. Sound Side is about seven miles east of Columbia, situated conveniently by U. S. Highway 64, almost within stone's throw of the lovely, luring waters of historic Albemarle Sound.

Revival at Johnson Union

(Smithfield, N. C.)

We have just come to the close of a very successful revival at Johnson Union Church. Rev. C. B. Thompson of Goldsboro delivered some very inspiring messages. The Lord's presence was keenly felt in every service, and He blessed in a great way.

During this campaign sixteen lost souls claimed Christ as their Savior, and united with the church. The entire community is appreciative of the good that was accomplished during this meeting, and by a unanimous vote, it was decided that Rev. Thompson conduct our revival at the same time in 1941.

The music was under the direction of Lester Warrick, assisted at the piano by Mrs. C. B. Thompson of Goldsboro, N. C.

Rev. W. H. Lancaster, *Pastor*

If Every Home Were An Altar

If every home were an altar

Where holiest vows were paid,
And life's best gifts in sacrament
Of purest love were laid;

If every home were an altar

Where harsh or angry thought
Was cast aside for kindly one,
And true forgiveness sought;

If every home were an altar

Where hearts weighed down with
care
Could find sustaining strength and
grace
In sweet uplift of prayer.

Then solved would be earth's problems,

Banished sin's curse and blight;
For God's own love would radiate
From every altar light.

—*Sunday School Times.*

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He That Overcometh

Revelation 2:

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

2 Timothy 3:

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.

Revelation 2:

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Revelation 21:

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 2:

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

26 And he that overcometh, and

keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Revelation 3:

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God; and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 22:

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Matthew 24:

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Brethren in Christ, let us prove all things, and turn away from sin, and hold fast to Jesus. He will help us to overcome all evil, and persecutions.

I desire the prayers of every Christian that I and my family may get closer to Jesus and do His will.

Rashie Kennedy,
Pink Hill, N. C.

"The Fast Plan"

The fast plan had its birth in prayer, as all plans do for the Master. It was through deep meditation and prayer that this fast plan came to us. The missionary program has been on our heart, for years, and it has always been a problem to finance the work. While in prayer the thought came, see how many you can get to fast one meal a week and give 10 cents per week, and at the end of the year you would have money enough to put workers on the field. This plan came a few days ago before the National Association, and as many of you know it was put before the house and we received a number of names to join this "fast plan" before we left Paintsville and some were so taken with the splendid idea of only 10 cents a week, that they paid a year in full. One lady from Ohio gave \$1.00 and I have her name mixed with some one else. So drop a card and your name will be given too.

We intend to make a list in both papers of all names coming in with money. You women could have a little jar in your kitchen cabinet and drop in a dime every week till you got \$1.00 and then send it in or you could send your year in full if you like, or if you like, wait till you get it all, just as you like, but we would advise when you get a dollar send it in, all funds will be sent on this "fast plan" and I will turn it in at the next Association. Huntsville, Texas, is our home address and we will be here in Fredericktown, Missouri, for several weeks, so you can send it if you like.

We have a number of names and will put them in both papers as soon as money comes in with name. This is not for our women only, we would be glad to receive names from our men and next year we could put out a home missionary and a foreign missionary worker too, and give a large sum to Christian education. The following names are the ones that have paid in full for the year; Mrs. Fannie Polston -----\$5.20

The fear of the Lord is a fountain
of life. Prov. 14:27.

Lizzie McAdams

BAPTISTAL CERTIFICATE Name _____ Sex _____ Date _____ Age _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	<h2>BAPTISTAL CERTIFICATE</h2>  <p><i>This Certificate that</i></p> <p><i>he deserveth to be baptized, and in imitation of the</i></p> <p><i>example of our Lord Jesus Christ</i></p> <p><i>by</i></p> <p><i>my hand with Water in Baptism was this _____</i></p>	
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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

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New Bern, N. C.

Minutes of the North Carolina Ladies Auxiliary

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina Ladies Auxiliary which was held at Bladenboro

The session was opened with the singing of "Jesus Calls Us." Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. C. Griffin. "Take My Life, and Let It Be" was next in order after which Mrs. Griffin read the second chapter of Revelation. Greetings were voiced by Mrs. D. J. Pait and Mrs. M. L. Johnson responded.

The President's message purported that the Ladies Auxiliary has a purpose and that is to Aid. Let the Spirit aid us in helping. There are plenty of ways to raise money that the Spirit is pleased with. Reading of minutes was approved as read.

Reports of the State vice-presidents were heard at this time. It was moved and carried that Mrs. S. T. Farish, second vice-president, have report blanks printed including the Anna Phillips Loan Fund and also have rules printed to send to all that request a copy.

The Georgia Frost Banner was awarded to the Pee Dee District.

The use of the New Record Books was explained to all present by Mrs. Griffin, for use in all local societies for both treasurer and secretary.

Mrs. T. E. Beaman was appointed to represent the State Auxiliary at the National Auxiliary.

The Orphanage program at this time was very interesting and appealing. They are planning to run it on a cash basis as heretofore. Twenty children are still waiting for adoption by church auxiliaries. The offering amounted to \$15.50.

Dinner was served on the grounds of the Bladenboro Church and enjoyed by all present. It was good for us to be there and enjoy such splendid fellowship!

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington conducted the afternoon devotions choosing "Willing Am I" as the song and Acts 9: 32 as the Scripture lesson. The Stewardship contest with William Swindell of Elizabeth City, winner of the Junior cup, and Mary Ellen Fields of Pikeville, North Carolina, winner of the intermediate cup. The other contestants were awarded one dollar each.

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles accepted. Report of finance committee accepted. Moved and carried that Mrs. Nobles reimburse herself for the paying of her bond premium.

Mrs. Thompson requested that each local society should send their dues (per capita) and donation directly to the State officers.

Nominating Committee report read and adopted. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. S. T. Farish; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Melvin; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Braswell; 6 Vice-President, Mrs. Luke Wetherington; Field Worker, Mrs. G. F. Barnes; Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles; Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Barrow.

A beautiful memorial was conducted by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

Petitions Committee report was accepted. The next session meets at Rains Cross Roads Church.

Rev. R. P. Harris made announcement requesting Women's Aids to pay \$5.00 to their preacher so that he could go to Davis Institute. The

State Sunday School Convention to be organized on Wednesday before State Association meets. Each Sunday School to send a penny for each member. Both Mrs. K. S. Jackson and Mrs. Farish stressed the importance of each Aid filling out a poster for this coming year. It was moved and carried that we as a body become a member of the Church Finance Association of which Rev. J. A. Evans is President. Foreign Mission offering was \$5.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Pres.*,

Mrs. J. P. Barrow, *Secy.*

Builder's Foundation

(Continued from page three)

*"A Balsam for his every wound;
All he wants is here."*

This foundation is perpetual. It is not effected by climate, change of times, or by the revolutions of the kingdoms of this world. It is through perpetual ages invariably the same. "Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever." It is the only foundation upon which the righteous have ever had to build upon. It is the only one on which all the saved to the end of this age must rest. The Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs and confessors of all ages have builded upon this one foundation.

Thus we may clearly see the folly and impiety of attempting to lay any other foundation than that is laid. The language of Paul supposes that men would attempt to build on other foundations and affirms the impossibility of effecting it. The history of the church bears out this supposition. Many false foundations have been laid to attract and draw men from the only Saviour of the sinner. These have proven to be hay, grain, straw and stubble and those who have attempted to build thereon have proven themselves as unwise builders.

Men have attempted to build other foundations by trusting the dictates of unsanctified reason. What havoc these luminaries of nature have made among the spiritual doctrines of the cross, extinguish the Holy

Spirit; flitted away the atonement; made Satan and satanic agency a visionary illusion; placed a cold repentance; a spiritless morality; and a lifeless faith as the basis of salvation.

Men attempt further the laying of other foundations by relying on their own righteousness. This is done in a thousand and one forms. But to our honesty, to the notorious and flagrant crimes, acts of generosity, of devotion; of self-denial of correctness of creed, of public confession. These are well in their place, but are absolutely worthless as the foundation of the soul's eternal hope; "For by the law shall no flesh be justified."

The one foundation which has been laid in Christ is sufficient therefore, it is folly and criminality to attempt to lay any other foundation and will appear to reflect upon the all-sufficiency of the one already laid. Christ is able to save unto the utmost all those who come to him by faith. He wills the salvation of the chief of sinners. He never rejects anyone who comes to him in faith. How foolish it is to reject this foundation. In the next place it reflects on the wisdom of God in attempting to reject this foundation in Christ and to lay another; for this foundation is identified with the depths of infinite skill; with the boundlessness of divine love; with the unspeakable preciousness of the blood of Christ. To attempt to lay other foundations is to set at naught these perfections of Deity, and to trample under foot the blood of Christ. It would be the exultation of self and self-sufficiency above God and his son Jesus Christ.

So great and important is this foundation that it involves the soul in endless woe, who rejects it. He who rejects the light of life must dwell in darkness. He who rejects the Saviour must necessarily perish by his own obstinacy and crime. There is no other Saviour, no other refuge, no other remedy. Christ the only foundation is the light of the world; to reject him is to be guilty

of our own life's blood and to go down to the pit by his own suicidal hand.

Dollars for Liquor Mean Less for Labor

A consumer gives employment to one wage earner for one year when he buys:

\$ 2,826 worth of furniture
3,263 worth of textiles
3,583 worth of leather goods
3,824 worth of machinery
4,444 worth of iron and steel products
5,413 worth of wearing apparel
6,570 worth of printing and publishing
9,733 worth of foods
14,592 worth of beer
5,178 worth of the average of the 212 classifications reported in the Statistical Abstract.

Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention of the Third Union district of the Eastern Association met with Cabin Church, fourth Sunday in May, 1940. The meeting was opened with songs and prayer. The President being absent Mr. S. W. Jones took charge of the meeting. Rev. G. W. Kennedy delivered the convention sermon. After which one hour was called off for lunch.

After the noon hour the local church gave an interesting play. The business of the convention was entered into. A list of schools were called with a representation of 5 schools with donation of \$7.00 which was turned over to the President to be used for the advancement of the work. Brother I. T. Bishop was appointed to represent this district as delegate to the State Sunday School Convention in September. Each school was asked to represent with one delegate. It being time for the election of officers Brother S. W.

Jones was elected as president. Brother D. F. Chambers was re-elected vice-president; Rashie Kennedy was re-elected Secretary. The invitation to meet with Snow Hill Church in November was accepted. Rev. L. B. Manning gave some timely remarks. Rev. W. L. Jernigan delivered a short message on "Building Character."

We adjourned to meet with Snow Hill Church the fourth Sunday in November.

Rashie Kennedy, Secy.

Alabama State Association to Convene at Pell City

The Alabama State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist church will convene with the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1940.

We invite all churches and associations of Alabama to represent at this State Association. We are looking forward to a grand association of Christian love and fellowship. We urge all Free Will Baptists of Alabama to co-operate. Let us make this the greatest association we have ever had.

The church is located at the edge of the cotton mill village near Martin's Store.

Rev. R. P. Ritch, Pastor

Home-Coming at Casey's Chapel

There will be a homecoming day celebration observed at Casey's Chapel on the Third Sunday in August which will be the eighteenth. The Church is located on Highway Number 70, about seven miles east of Goldsboro.

We are hoping to have many of the former pastors and friends with us on this occasion. We extend a very cordial welcome to all singing groups to be with us. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the day with us.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Pastor

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

God's Care of His People

(Lesson for August 11)

Lesson: Psalm 23.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"* (Psalm 23: 1).

King David could not build a temple, but he wrote a psalm! Three temples, one after another crumbled in the dust, but the psalm lives today in the hearts of millions. Thru 3,000 years the 23rd Psalm has been a source of inspiration. It is the Christian's great symphony, the theme of which is God's care for His own.

"The Lord is My shepherd; I shall not want." Sorrow, drought and depression may stalk the land, but no good thing is withheld from them that walk uprightly. Or as Paul has it, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." God is the source of all good things. If you lack them, it is because you have not appropriated them. The Israelites in the wilderness either gathered the manna or stepped on it. Many today are deliberately stepping on the promises of God. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6: 33).

After announcing the theme, the writer gives us the three R's of the Abundant Life: *Rest, Refreshment and Restoration*. FIRST, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures"; SECOND, "He leadeth me beside the still waters"; and THIRD, "He restoreth my soul."—*E. J. L.*

This last paragraph furnishes the basis for a good sermon.

I. PRACTICAL POINTS

1. The Divine Shepherd stands in

personal relationship to me (Psalm 23: 1).

2. The Divine Shepherd knows of my daily experiences and helps me in them (vs. 2).

3. The Divine Shepherd never fails to go after the one who went astray, until the lost is found (vs. 3).

4. The Divine Shepherd always leads in a pathway that is perfectly safe (vs. 3).

5. The Divine Shepherd is not over-shadowed in the valley of death (vs. 4).

6. The Divine Shepherd has means of comfort even in the most trying hour (vs. 4).

7. The Divine Shepherd's means of comfort are for prevention and protection. (vs. 4).

8. The Divine Shepherd is not hindered nor awed by any enemy of mine (vs. 5).

9. The Divine Shepherd is interested in the head of the sheep as well as in the rest of his body (vs. 5).

10. The Divine Shepherd provides pleasant companionship throughout this life (vs. 6).

11. The Divine Shepherd has erected an eternal abode for His sheep (vs. 6).—*J. C. T.*

12. Many more valuable truths can be had in our quarterlies. Certainly we should gather all the truths we can on this much-loved Psalm.

II. ADDITIONAL HINTS

In the New Testament Jesus Christ is revealed as the Shepherd of His sheep. The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Lord Jesus Christ of the New Testament, and He is the Shepherd of His redeemed flock.

Christ is revealed as Shepherd of the sheep in a three-fold way: He is called the "good Shepherd," the

"great Shepherd" and the "chief Shepherd."

I. Christ As the Good Shepherd.
As the good Shepherd Christ—

1. Gives His life for the sheep (John 10: 11).

2. Gives His Life to the sheep (John 10: 10, 28, 29; 1 John 5: 11).

II. Christ as the Great Shepherd.

As the great Shepherd Christ—

1. Has arisen from the dead (Hebrews 13: 20).

2. Cares for His sheep and goes before them (John 10: 3, 4, 27).

3. Keeps His sheep and assures their safety (John 10: 28, 29).

4. Appoints under-shepherds (Jn. 21: 15-17; Ephesians 4: 7-11).

III. As the Chief Shepherd.

As the chief Shepherd Christ—

1. Looks to the under-shepherds to feed the flock (1 Peter 5: 2, 3).

2. Will come again to reward the under-shepherds with a crown of glory (1 Peter 5: 4).

The three-fold shepherd work of our Lord Jesus Christ is beautifully illustrated by Psalms 22—24.

In Psalm 22 the good Shepherd is giving His life for the sheep. This Psalm depicts the rejection and sufferings of the Messiah, the King of the Jews, as well as His triumph in resurrection.

In Psalm 23 the great Shepherd is caring for His sheep. This Psalm depicts the exaltation of Christ, since His crucifixion and resurrection, to the office of Shepherd and High Priest.

In Psalm 24 the chief Shepherd, the King of glory, comes to reward His sheep. This Psalm depicts the return of the rejected King, in majesty and glory, to Jerusalem, to reign as supreme King over Israel and all the world. Preceding His return to the earth, He will come for His own, gather them unto Him—

self in the air, and will then give them their reward (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 10).—
W. S. H.

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Mon., Aug. 12	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Aug. 13	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Wed., Aug. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Thur., Aug. 15	King's X Roads	Pitt
Fri., Aug. 16	Spring Branch	Greene
Sat., Aug. 17	Saratoga	Wilson
Mon., Aug. 19	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Tues., Aug. 20	Owens Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Aug. 21	Otters Creek	Edgecombe
Thur., Aug. 22	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Fri., Aug. 23	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe
Sat., Aug. 24	Barne's Hill	Nash
Mon., Aug. 26	Piney Grove	Nash
Tues., Aug. 27	Mount Zion	Nash
Wed., Aug. 28	People's Chapel	Wilson
Thur., Aug. 29	Rose Bud	Wilson
Fri., Aug. 30	Edgemont	Durham
Sat., Aug. 31	Union Grove	Durham
Mon., Sept. 2	Hansley's Chapel	Durham
Tues., Sept. 3	Oak Grove	Durham

Letter from Georgia

We have had the opportunity of having Rev. T. H. Willey and family here for a few nights. Brother Willey told me at the National Association that he was going back to Miami to sail and that he wanted me to make for him some dates for this week. He spoke Saturday night and Sunday night under our tent in Camilla, and Sunday at 11:00 a. m. at Greenwood Church near Camilla. He spoke on Monday night at Midway Church near Moultrie, Georgia. On Tuesday night he spoke at the New Church at Difton, Florida.

He left Wednesday a. m., July 31, for two appointments which I made for him in east Georgia. I can truly say that his visit has helped the

places where he spoke and showed the pictures. Many said, "I never believed in foreign missions before, but I do now."

I believe if Brother Willey could tour all these states and show those pictures, and preach, we would have many other states coming up with what Missouri is doing. This state

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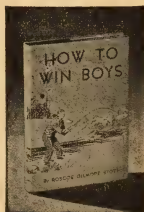
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Boys and Girls Corner

Rosalie's Neighbors

"O Rosalie," cried Dorothy, rushing in, all out of breath, one lovely May afternoon, "don't you want to buy some tickets for the musicale next week? Mother said I might try to sell some tickets, and it's such fun! I wish you could go with me."

"Perhaps I can," said Rosalie, getting excited too. "Mother isn't at home just now, but I'll ask her when she comes, and I know she'll buy a ticket anyway."

"I have to go to Mrs. Brown's now," said Dorothy, "but I'll come back for you in a little while," and away she ran.

A few minutes later there was a timid knock at the back door, and Rosalie answered it. A ragged little girl stood on the step with a basket in her hand, which evidently had in it something to sell, but Rosalie did not wait to find out. "No, we don't want anything," she said, and shut the door.

As she passed through the library on her way back, her Uncle Fred put down his book and said with his odd little smile, "Our minister preached a sermon the other day about loving our neighbors, and it seems to me you treat your neighbors rather differently, don't you?"

"What do you mean?" asked puzzled Rosalie. "That wasn't one of our neighbors. It was just a little beggar girl with something to sell."

"The Bible calls every one we meet a neighbor," said Uncle Fred, quietly. "One little girl came to the front door with something to sell, and she was brought in and treated as politely as could be. I wonder how she would have felt if she had been treated as that other little girl at the back door was."

"Oh, but Dorothy is my friend," cried Rosalie. Then after a minute she added slowly, "I guess I wasn't very nice to the little girl at the back door. I don't want people to treat me like that when I go out to sell

tickets with Dorothy."

Rosalie walked out, thinking. Suppose that when she walked up to a house with tickets somebody should say sharply, "No, we don't want any," and should shut the door. "I would cry; I know I would," said Rosalie to herself.

Suddenly she spied the little ragged girl coming out of the house at the next corner. Out of the door and down the street sped Rosalie, stopping at last to say breathlessly to the little girl: "I didn't ask you what you had to sell when you were at our house. Please excuse me."

The little girl did not quite understand, but she smiled and uncovered her basket. "Oh, how pretty!" cried Rosalie, for the basket held all sorts of dainty, crocheted things for dolls. "I want this," she said, picking out a pink cap marked ten cents.

"Thank you," said the little girl, smiling as she took the dime.

"You're welcome," said Rosalie.

When Dorothy and Rosalie started happily off together later in the afternoon, Rosalie told Dorothy about the little girl and the doll things. "And now, after this," she finished, "I'm going to treat everybody that comes selling things just as I should like to be treated myself."

Dorothy nodded. "We can't always buy things, but we always can be nice and polite, anyway," she said.—*The Sunbeam.*

Romans 13: 9—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

—Selected.

Pittman Memorial Pastors' Institute Program for August 11-16, 1940

Davis, North Carolina

Sunday, August 11; 7:00-7:30 p. m.

Devotions by R. P. Harris.

Sermon, 7:30 by Rev. M. E. Tyson.

Devotions, 8:30-8:45 a. m.

Monday, Rev. R. H. Jackson.

Tuesday, Rev. S. A. Smith.

Wednesday, John Linton.

Thursday, Rev. W. L. Hart.

Friday, Rev. Rommie Mitchell.

Doctrine, 8:45-9:25 a. m.

Monday through Friday by Rev. J. P. Barrow.

Missions, 9:25-10:05 a. m.

1. Home Mission by Rev. M. E. Tyson Mon. through Wed.

2. Foreign Missions by Rev. W. L. Moretz, Thur. and Fri.

English, 10:05-10:45 a. m.

Monday through Friday, by Rev. R. B. Spencer.

Recess, 10:45-11:00 a. m.

Monday through Friday.

Devotions, 11:00-11:15 a. m.

Monday, Rev. L. B. Manning.

Tuesday, Rev. Marshall Joyner.

Wednesday, Rev. R. E. Tripp.

Thursday, Rev. Walter Carter,

(Rockingham, N. C.).

Friday, Kenneth Gaskill.

Sermon each day, 11:15-12:00 p. m.

Monday, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

Tuesday, Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Wednesday, Rev. L. B. Manning.

Thursday, Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Friday, Rev. R. E. Tripp.

Lunch, and Recreation, 12 to 1 p. m.

Monday through Friday.

Institute Theme: "Magnifying Christ in Our Ministry."

Theme Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Devotions, 1:00-1:15 p. m.

Monday, Charlie Hamilton.

Tuesday, Rev. T. E. Beaman.

Wednesday, Rev. Walter Williams.

Thursday, Rev. W. A. Dail.

Homiletics, 1:15-1:55 p. m.

Monday through Thursday by

Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Church Administration, 1:55-2:35

p. m.

Monday through Thursday, Rev. Henry Melvin.

Evangelism, 2:35-3:15 p. m.

Monday through Thursday by

Rev. Chester Peit.

Evening Services,

Devotions, 7:00-7:30 p. m.

Monday, Rev. W. E. Anderson.

Tuesday, Rev. N. D. Beaman.

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Thursday, Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Friday, Rev. G. C. Joyner.

Sermons, 7:30-(-).

Monday, Rev. Clifton Rice.

Tuesday, Rev. J. C. Moyer.

Wednesday, Rev. John Alford,

Thursday, Rev. J. R. Bennett.

Friday, Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Business and Communion Service.

Friday 1:15- (?)

God Is Watching

When going down life's pathway,
Dark may seem the way;
But remember, God is watching,
And sees everything you do.

You may sow the seed of sin,
But remember, sin cannot enter
in;
You must put sin out of your heart,
Or you'll hear the Judge say,
"Depart."

On that great and final day,
I am praying, well done,
My good servant, well done,
Thy crown is now won.

Come in, come in, oh weary one,
Enter thy rest, thy work is done;
Lean weary one upon thy breast,
Come in and be with the blest.

Hester Newberry,
Quincy, Florida

Home-Coming Celebration at Johnson Union

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WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Devotions: Rev. C. B. Thompson
- 9:30—Address of Welcome: Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes
- Response: Rev. Clarence Bowen
- 10:00—Association called to order by the president
- Enrollment of ministers and delegates
- Appointment of committees
- 10:30—Report of the Executive Committee
- 10:45—President's Address: Rev. M. E. Tyson
- 11:00—Congregational singing and special music: Rev. Chester Pelt, *Director*
- 11:15—Introductory Sermon: Rev. C. J. Harris
- 12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions: Rev. S. H. Oakes
- 1:45—Recognition and Response of visitors from other states
- 2:00—Report of National Educational program: Rev. J. R. Bennett
- 2:30—Miscellaneous business period
- 3:00—Adjournment

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Music under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Moya
- 8:15—Opening exercise: Rev. J. C. Moya
- 8:30—Home Mission Sermon: Rev. Henry Melvin

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions: Rev. W. R. Williams
- 9:45—Reading of previous day's session and approval
- 9:50—Reports of Associational Boards
- Sunday School
- Foreign Missions
- Orphanage
- Superannuation
- Church Extension
- Home Missions
- Board of Finance
- Board of Audit
- 11:30—Associational Sermon: Rev. Chester Pelt
- 12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions: Rev. M. L. Baxley
- 1:45—Reports of Associational Boards (continued)
- 2:00—Treasurer's Report
- 2:15—Reports of Committees
- 2:30—Appointment of Delegates to the various bodies
- 2:45—Election of officers
- Adjournment

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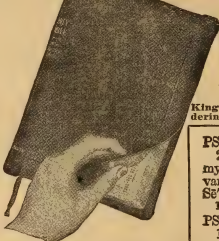
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my glory into shame? how long will ye love
vanity, and seek after leasing [falseness]?
SE'-lah.

Fa. 12.2; 31.6, 13; 69.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord;
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent
[come before] thee.
Fa. 5.3; 119.147.

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 The touch of my native soil.
 Thank God for the dear home country,
 Unconquered and free and grand!
 But the far-off shores of the East, for me,
 Are the shores of the Promised Land.

No longer young—I know it—
 And battered and worn and gray,
 I bear in my body the marks that tell
 Of many a toil-filled day.
 But 'tis long to the end of a lifetime,
 And the hour for the sun to set;
 My heart is eager for years to come;
 Let me work for the Master yet!

My brain is dazed and wearied
 With the New World's stress and strife,
 With the race for money and place and power
 And the whirl of the nation's life.
 Let me go back! Such pleasures
 And pains are not for me;
 But Oh! for a share in the Harvest Home
 Of the fields beyond the sea.

For there are my chosen people,
 And that is my place to fill,
 To spend the last of my life and strength
 In doing my Master's will.
 Let me go back! 'Tis nothing
 To suffer and do and dare;
 For the Lord has faithfully kept His word,
 He is "with me always" there!

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We want to remind our people in
Georgia that the State Convention
meets in November from 12 to 14
at Greenwood Church. The church
is located seven miles southwest of
Camilla on Bainbridge Highway. It
is not long before the time when the
associations will be meeting, and we
are hoping that you will have your
delegates and money set aside for
the Convention. There are three
more associations that have not as

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What Our Church People Should Read

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First of all, our church people should read the Bible. For it is the only Book on which we can lay our head when we are dying and say: "This is the eternal Truth. I shall be judged justly. 'God is love' and 'His mercy endureth forever.' 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.'"

Listen, to the last words of the distinguished book-worm, Sir Walter Scott, when he lay dying said to those who stood by him, "Bring me the Book." They said, "What Book?" He replied, "There is but one Book. Bring me the Bible." While it is true, "of the making of books there is no end," yet there is one Book which may be rightly called the Book because it is God's Revelation of the saving grace to fallen man. We have not even the promise of another. Therefore, taking into account man's spiritual wants and deathless interest as a candidate for eternity, all people of all classes should take pleasure in reading the Bible with the most profound reverence. For it unfolds to the world the great Jehovah's mind. Read it to be wise, believe it, and obey it to be saved.

I have seen a picture of a pair of scales shown of equal balance, one side loaded with books, packages and parchments. Here are the minutes of eighteen general councils, beginning with that held in Nice, in the year of our Lord 325, and ending with that of Trent, which began in the year 1563, with many others. There are the "Fathers," from those Barnabas, but considered spurious, downward. Then there are creeds without number, both of ancient and modern date. Next follows the various isms of the day that set themselves up against the Word of God. These are all placed on one end of the scale. The Bible is now brought

and placed on the other. But lo! Creeds, Councils, Fathers and isms are but as the dust of the balance. They are lighter than vanity; they fly up and kick the beam. One Bible outweighs them all. "The word of the Lord liveth and abideth forever." Who can understand value and neglect to read the Book which speaks in a tone like this? The echo of eternal power runs through the whole of the inspired Volume. Church, people, read it and acquaint yourselves with God. Here is the great power by which you can overcome the world.

All church people should, without fail, read the Bible, because it claims the admiration of our best thinkers. It exhibits the finest specimens of eloquence. Let us consider the nature of eloquence in general, as is defined by Aristotle, to be faculty of persuasion, which Cicero makes to consist in three things: instructing, delighting and moving our readers' or hearers' mind. We shall find that the Holy Scriptures have a fair claim to these several properties.

In no other book can we read with such a plain representation of things in point of history, and such coherent argument in point of precept, as this one volume furnishes us. Where is the whole compass of devotion in the several forms of confession, petition, supplication, thanksgiving vows and praises, so fundamentally taught as in the Book of books? Of all literature it is the most sublime. When you read it, God is speaking.

My dear church people, if you have not been in the daily habit of reading the Bible, begin now. It will charm by its vivid descriptions, excite by its deep toned pathos, elevate by its ennobling sentiments, soothe by its tenderness and melt by its wondrous love. It is sweeter than

Virgil, sublimer than Homer, more vivid than Sophocles, and more powerful than Eschylus. The poetry of the Bible embodies all that is bold in conception, fascinating in sacred fiction, artful in truth, glowing in imagination, and vehement in passion. It is the bright sun from which Milton and Shakespeare borrowed divine effulgence. Its visions of beauty have inspired genius of our greatest painters, guided the chisel of our most gifted sculptors, and awakened the harps of our best composers. But for the Bible the richest gems of poetry would never have sparkled in the sunlight of heaven. Had it not been for the Bible, the pencils of West and Raphael would have lain idle forever. The melodies of Mozart and Beethoven would have been as silent as the grave. The literature of the Bible is not only readable in itself, but it is as prolific of beauty as its own Carmel and Sharon. It not only sends out the most beautiful and effulgent light that ever beamed from sun or star, but has sent those rays in dazzling splendor from a thousand orbs which shed their glories upon the world of mind.

All true church people that can read should read God's most holy Word with supreme interest. It is the great reservoir of history and biography, of parable and fable, of essay and epistle. It is the bright candle of the Lord, the lamp of eternity. It shines with a brightness before which all other lights grow pale. When we read the Bible we read the sacred literature of the past, the present and of the future. It is the voice from the lips of eternity. It echoes like the peal of an organ, proclaiming the glory of God, the duty and destiny of man. Its truth is above all cavil, and beyond all con-

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EDITORIAL

Does the Baptist Contain Spiritual Messages?

Who would dare say in public councils or in private conversations that the Baptist does not contain spiritual messages? Let him, anyone who may think otherwise, peruse its pages from cover to cover and think through sanely its messages for the correct answer.

Now, What about the front page poem each week? Does it not contain spiritual food for the thoughtful reader? Who can question its contents as regards its religious purpose and value to the true child of God? When such poems, as the ones which are used each week on the front page, have been written by devout men and women, and have been classified as standard religious literature by a committee on Religious Literature of America, Who could say with any degree of authority and fairmindedness that the front page poems in the Baptist are not religious in tone and content?

What about Rev. J. C. Griffin's *Notes and Quotes* each week? Are they not spiritual in tone and purpose? Do they convey spiritual truths worthy of the thought of the Baptist readers? We believe they do. At least, numbers of Baptist readers have written to us from time to time, praising *Notes and Quotes*, and commending Brother Griffin for his fine contributions to the paper. He who would criticise must first know what to criticise. Many say they especially like the paper because of Griffin's timely messages for thought and meditation.

What about the *Third Page Article*? Is it colored with spiritual truths or not? Are they not selected from time to time for a special purpose? We think so at least. Who would say that Brother C. J. Harris'

and Brother W. L. Moretz's messages, and Brother T. W. Willey's which have occupied the third page at different times, are not spiritual? Why not others contribute such good articles for the paper as these men and others have been doing? To do that would be far better than to raise disloyal criticisms.

The young people's page, *News and Views of Our Young People*, is edited by Rev. Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard of Greenville, North Carolina. What is wrong with it in purpose and meaning for the young people? It has for its chief aim "The Kingdom of God First." Does not their writing for the Baptist paper lead to and head up into a greater league work for God and righteousness? We think it does. Who would say for a moment that their purposes are not religious?

Then turn to the Women's Auxiliary Department, which is edited by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, and one of the outstanding women of our denomination. Who would say that this department of our church work has not at heart the spiritual welfare of the church? Are the Ladies aid messages and news reports from time to time in the Baptist unchristian and void of spiritual intent and purpose? We emphatically declare that they are not unchristian nor void of spiritual values to the right thinking reader. They seek to give something of the work and efforts of the Women's Auxiliary Department in our church, thus informing the earnest reader as to what the ladies are doing in this and other states. Surely no one would dare to say that their contributions are void of spiritual content and purpose.

The St. Claire Bible Class. Are these lessons full of spiritual content or are they lacking in religious truths? Who could criticise them

as being anything else but spiritual in purpose and content? The mind that is looking for spiritual food will find it by carefully studying the St. Claire Bible lesson in the Baptist each week.

Well, What about the selected poems and prose articles found in the Baptist? Are they religious in tone and content? If not, do they not contain thought worthy of careful consideration? We believe they do, or else we would not publish them for our readers. There is an oft quoted expression, "See and don't see, hear and don't hear, but there are those who see and won't believe, hear and won't understand."

What about *The Boys' and Girls' Corner*? Are those stories based upon a spiritual background, or are they trashy fiction? We will let the intelligent and careful reader of the Baptist be his own judge as concerning the spiritual purport of these carefully selected stories, which are taken from recognized religious writers in this country.

Now, as concerning the editorials from time to time, we can't say much. We simply ask the Baptist readers to be patient with the editor and probably he will do better in the future.

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

Date	Church	County
Sat., Aug. 10	Pleasant Grove	Harnett
Mon., August 12	Prospect	Harnett
Tues., Aug 13	Bethel	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 14	St. Mary's Grove	Sampson
Thur., August 15	Hopewell	Johnston
Fri., Aug. 16	Johnston Union	Johnston
Sat., August 17	Powhatan	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 19	Tee's Chapel	Johnston
Tues., August 20	Riverside	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 21	Pine Level	Johnston
Thur., Aug. 22	Rains X Roads	Johnston
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard

P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

(By mistake in our office, this article failed to get in last week's issue.—EDITOR.)

OUR F. W. B. L. DIRECTORY

The first response for information for our F. W. B. L. Directory came from the T. H. Willey League of Edgemont Church. Why do these Durham leagues lead off in so many things? Of course, we have no objection to them breaking and making records but we do wish some of the other leagues would make it a little harder for them!

Others are coming in. We want the Secretary of every F. W. B. L. in the state to send in the names and addresses of all the executive officers (president, secretary, treasurer, etc.) right away. We are going to publish a directory in these columns, and also copies for any who desire them. Hurry up!

OUR F. W. B. L. ALBUM

Next week we are starting our F. W.

B. L. Album with an old familiar face! Well, not so old, but familiar to many of our leaguers. Your guess is as good as anyone's except the few of us who are in the know.

"THE CASE AGAINST ALCOHOL"

Copies of "The Case against Alcohol", the dramatized F. W. B. L. topic presented at the recent meeting of the Central Conference F. W. B. L. Convention, will be sent all the leagues desiring to put it on in the interest of temperance. Kindly enclose five cents in stamps to cover actual cost of mimeographing and mailing.

CAMP LEACH NOW IN SESSION

Your Field Secretary is leaving this afternoon for Camp Leach [this writing is dated for last week] and a week of delightful fellowship with the leagues from all over the state, we truly believe. Next week we hope to have some interesting highlights on the camp for you. Wish that we could all be there.

death. When he came forth from the tomb and ascended up to Heaven, he went to prepare a place for our eternal reward. Death to the believer is only a change from a life of weakness to one of power. "For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5: 1).

For every look at the world let us take ten at Christ, the One who can guide us safely through every difficulty, and we will find silver linings to the darkest clouds.

Let us have the love of God that will so illuminate our lives until there will be no fear, but a life of joy and victory through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"It's Wrong to Criticize"

You run me down and criticize
And bring my name to shame;
But never try to be a friend,
Or help me bear the pain.

You preach about my bad mistakes,
And what Bill Jones has said;
Still every day you pass me by
My heart within has bled.

How much I'd like to take your hand
And bear you home above;
'Twas He they nailed upon the cross,
Taught me such glorious love.

You've never seen in me any good,
Or why God let me live;
But now I know that thru the cross
My kind, God will forgive.

And when the hour for me to go
My soul I know shall rise;
I'd like to leave with you—these
words,
"It's wrong to criticize."

—R. L. Cannady

Behold a stranger at the door,
He gently knocks, has knocked before,
Has waited long, is waiting still;
You use no other friend so ill.

Fear

By Rev. J. H. French

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer" (Rev. 2: 10).

When we look at life and its great responsibilities and think of our weakness to assume them, and often see our plans crushed that we thought meant so much to us, it makes the paths of life seem dark and dreary and we fear.

But if we look at life in the light of God's word, when we see our weakness we will see God's power which is sufficient for every difficulty that might come to us.

We need not fear to live for God, for he is the Giver of life and will sustain the life which he gives. When we read Romans 8: 28, we see that all things work together for good to them that love God. With a realization of this and other promises of scripture the dark paths will be illuminated with the Spirit of God and there will be nothing to fear. We read in 1 John 4: 8 that

perfect love casteth out fear. The Star of the East is bright enough to give us light all the way through the journey of life and will shine forever in the land of Glory.

I have often been discouraged by failures that made everything look useless, and have seen later that God made accomplishments of them.

Mark Twain wrote, "In my life I have had many troubles, most of them which never came." There are so many that worry mostly over the things that never happen. When we fear let us seek the deliverance of the Psalmist. "I sought the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34: 4).

We need not fear responsibilities for God is greater than all our responsibilities. May we have the attitude as expressed by Paul in Philippians 4: 13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This is the strength that will enable us to win great victories in the name of Christ.

We need not fear to die for Christ has won the victory over sin and

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trovery, and has been established by every sort of testimony which could be accepted by reason and embraced by faith. Read it confidently as the Book of truth. It is today the brightest diadem in human history, and it presses its claim upon you with an eloquence which no mortal can equal, no angel can surpass. Listen to these mute and eloquent appeals as they come from the pages written by the pen of inspired men. I invite all peoples everywhere to read it.

Because it is the Book of books, it is vital in every part. It breathes life on every page, and quickens to action the livid corpse of our humanity. It illumines what is dark, corrects what is false, elevates what is low, and ennobles what is meant. It eradicates what is corrupt. It imparts courage to the timid, strength to the feeble, and firmness to the wavering. It gives hope to the sorrowing, and enables all who accept its truth and imbibe its sacred principles to meet the stern demand of conscience, and to obey the uncompromising law of duty. It enters the social circle and closes the lips of falsehood. It hushes the tongue of slander, and promotes domestic peace. It unites the members of the household, sanctifies the marriage vows, and perfects the bliss of wedded love. It gives mildness to the constitution, purity to the government, and justice to the right kind of laws. It evokes those sympathies which seek satisfaction alone in doing good. It has imparted strength and courage to the character of men, and purity and dignity to women.

There is no attribute of humanity, no beauty of character; nothing excellent, refined, loving or just that is not found in the Bible. And now let me say to you, our dear church people, for whom I have written this article, the Bible is the Book for us to read. It is the hope of our church, the hope of our country, the hope of

a war-torn world. It is in this great and good Book that the world must trust for guidance and eternal security. I therefore, beseech you to read it and neglect it not. Give up any other book before you surrender this, and love it above every other gift of God. Claim its sweet and precious promises. Rise to its high standard of Christian character, and practice its holy precepts. Worship its divine Author, enjoy its sacred consolations, and may its heaven be your reward.

The Sacred Tenth

By Jeter Cox

I do not know how many church members believe in thithing, and I do not know how many practice it. But regardless how we look at it I believe that we are still obligated to give a tenth thereof for the religious and charitable purposes. Some people deem a tenth too little amount to pay, but God only requires a tenth, and it's a known fact that if you pay more it could be used to a good advantage.

We cannot escape the conclusion that the covetousness and avarice of our day must be displeasing to the Almighty, and it is safe to say that God will punish the niggardliness and fraud of those who wilfully commit themselves against sharing in the glory of God. Men in general look very leniently upon avarice, covetousness, greed, and the accumulating of money, and in all religious organizations there are to be found well-to-do people whose stingy ways are never reproved by the organization.

A mission preacher once wrote a pamphlet on the effect of money in the Christian world. He believes the love of money is the deadly sin of Christianity, and the root of evil in the land. He declares that it is impossible to find language strong enough to describe the havoc which the love of money has wrought in Christian families, and even inside the Church the love of money is

more disastrous than the love of strong drink; that while drunkenness has slain its thousands, mammonism has slain its tens of thousands.

A famous speaker once said: "Give all you can. Save all you can. Gain all you can. You are a steward; therefore provide modestly for your own wants, and give the surplus. Do not stint yourself to this or that proportion. Render unto God, not a tenth, not a third, not a half; but all that is God's, so that you may give a good account of your stewardship."

But then the question arises, Is this tenth to be paid if we are in debt? Rich people can, of course, afford to give a tenth to the Church; but if one cannot live on his income and keep out of debt, how has he a right to give part of it away? Perhaps he hasn't—the part that belongs to him. But we are talking about the part that belongs to God. You know God says that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and God never falls back on His word.

If asked for reasons, other than those already made manifest, why Christians should devote to God's service not less than a tenth of their income, we may argue that God wills it:

First, for His own glory. He is the great Owner. Nothing of our earthly possessions is really our own, not even our bodies. That our riches may make themselves wings and fly away is convincing proof that they do not belong to us; what we have is really a loan while we are here on earth. God entrusts His property to man, but He has the will to dispose of it any time He sees fit. God is the great Landlord over all, while we are merely servants who supervise and direct the handling of his possessions. Then, God is King, and he expects of us homage and worship, and also the presentation of gifts to His court.

Another reason that may be urged why God wills the giving of not less than a tenth is, that He has seen fit to make public worship, and the ad-

vancement of His cause among men, to be dependent upon money. If you stop the flow of money you arrest the advance of the Kingdom of Heaven. The African traveler, Stanley, challenged English Christians to send missionaries to Uganda. Members and friends of the Church Missionary Society put their hands into their pockets and sent the missionaries; and today, in Uganda, there are more than thirty thousand disciples of Christ. Therefore, if none had unbuttoned their pockets, those Christians would be savages still. How awful therefore is the responsibility of those who steal the Lord's portion of their incomes by hoarding or spending it upon themselves or their fancies; the Lord's work thereby being hindered through the unfaithfulness of His stewards, who in their blindness see not God's undying love and hope for salvation of all His children.

Another reason is that it should not be forgotten how immensely the treasury of God would be increased if Christians would pay even a tenth of their incomes, to say nothing of those who gladly give Him more than a tenth. Those who give without system think they sometime give more than their share, while in reality they don't give much.

Yet another, and most important, reason to be suggested why God wills the giving of not less than a tenth is, the good of the giver. It has honestly been shown that those who joyfully give unto the Lord prosper. Maybe God's blessings will not always be temporal but you will surely receive a spiritual blessing. God says: "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Once a man walked into the office of a well-known business man, and noticed on one of his drawers a label bearing the letters M. P. Upon asking the meaning of those letters his

answer was: "Oh, that's 'My Partner,' and I put there the Lord's share of our profits."

It is more blessed to give than to receive. That short phrase has a world of meaning. Receiving nourishes selfishness, makes a man nurse-proud, sordid, earthly. He who only receives is rarely grateful. He sees not God as the giver. He is like the swine beneath the oak, too busy eating the acorns to look up to the boughs whence they fall. On the other hand, giving develops generosity, benevolence, fraternity, tenderness of soul, and resemblance to Him who gives to all life, breath, and all things. Moreover, God has promised much to giving but nothing to receiving. "Give and it shall be given unto you." When man parts with what he has, God gives him more. And receiving has no recompense in the next world; giving has.

You remember the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man received while he was on earth, whereas on the other shore he got nothing; even the drop of water was denied him. Therefore, it can be easily understood why it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Rev. M. L. Hollis Comes to Southeast Alabama

By Linnie J. Stokes

Our pastor, Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, had been telling us for three months that he had hopes of Brother Hollis being with us during our revival. We were all anxious for him to come. During the latter part of the week just before, we understood that he could not be with us. How disappointed we were. We had prayed so long that it could be the will of God to send him our way. We were delighted to get the message on Saturday afternoon that he was really coming to be with us.

Our meeting opened on Sunday, July 25, at 11:00 o'clock. A large attentive congregation listened while Rev. Daniel Pelt brought the message of the hour. Sunday night

we had our League, afterwards our pastor, Rev. Pelt rendered another good sermon. Four people united with our church that night. On Monday we had the largest crowd for that day that we have ever had. In fact Rev. Pelt said that we had the largest Monday morning crowd that he had ever had in his nine years of serving churches.

Monday night to our great joy, Brother M. L. Hollis arrived. He was very tired and worn out after having driven more than four hundred miles that day. He does not have to be rested to tell the "Old Sweet Story" because he brought us a wonderful message.

On Tuesday we had an all day service. Rev. Hollis delivered the message at 11:00 o'clock. Our congregation of Primitive Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Methodist and Free Will Baptist certainly did rejoice over that message. One dear lady, a Primitive Baptist, said that it encouraged her so much as she had prayed for her two sons to hear just such a message.

At the noon hour, we had an old-fashioned Alabama country dinner spread on a long wire table under beautiful oak trees on the church ground.

In the afternoon Rev. J. H. Guilford of Daleville, Alabama rendered the message. Rev. Guilford is an aged minister who in the past had served our church for twelve years. We all dearly loved him and were awfully glad to have him in our midst.

On Tuesday night the church was filled to the limit and many could not get in.

Then on Wednesday when we reached church earlier than usual, there were not very many present. I remarked, "I am afraid our large crowd yesterday has hurt us today in our attendance." That was not true because we had another large crowd that day.

At each service fresh flowers were brought and arranged very artistically.

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News of the National Association

The National Association of Free Will Baptists began on Tuesday night, July 16, after the Women's Auxiliary Convention had been in session since Monday night.

The delegation was so large, and the attendance so great that the spacious Free Will Baptist Church in Paintsville was not big enough to accommodate the crowd for the night services. We had to borrow a church building. The night services were conducted in the large Southern Methodist building.

The Introductory Sermon therefore, was preached on Tuesday night to a completely filled Methodist church by Brother L. R. Ennis, of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Brother Ennis is, perhaps our biggest man, being the best qualified man we have. His sermon was profound, theological, spiritual and energetic, saturated with meekness, full of grace and power. His message was Christ's message on "Living Waters." Thus, the association started off with what many thought to be the greatest sermon in their experience.

The second sermon was by Bro. George D. Dunbar, of Chuckey, Tennessee. His message was "Answering the Challenge," leading us to review the historical setting of our denomination, then made his exhortation for us to rise up and re-build the walls (Nehemiah 2). Brother Dunbar's message was appreciated by the audience.

Wednesday night's message, the third, was by our foreign missionary, Brother T. H. Willey. Sister Mabel Willey conducted the devotional, giving us a description of the "Black Christ." After Brother Willey's sermon, one young lady was converted to Christ. An offering was taken for foreign missions which amounted to \$82.63.

Brother Clarence Bowen, of East Durham, North Carolina, preached the fourth message with power and influence. His was a message for our day, based on the action of the prophet of God on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18). The people's hearts were really stirred into action.

Brother Bert Rogers, of Wewoka, Oklahoma, preached the last sermon. He was very enthusiastic, and many acclaimed his to be the best. Of course, that is a matter of personal taste. All the sermons were good and very good.

The National Association was composed of delegates from the following states:

Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Michigan.

The Illinois brethren came into the National Association this year. We were glad to have them, and they seemed to be well pleased.

There were 291 registered for entertainment during the week, each paying registration fee of \$1.00 asked for by the National Association for entertainment expenses.

The church at Paintsville had a real task on their hands. It is believed they will never be able to care for the National Association again, if the association continues to grow. The church did a noble, splendid, exemplary accomplishment, however, in their co-operative team work of entertaining. The school building was used in which to feed us; two dormitories, one for boys and one for ladies, were secured from an institution within the city; the C. C. C. barracks were secured for 40 men; and in addition to this, as many homes as were available were supplied with guests.

The Board of Education did a great work. They labored in the committee room for two days forming plans whereby we may proceed. They may not have done what our people expected and demanded that they do, but our people have not made it possible for them. They have asked for \$15,000.00 and they ought to have \$150,000.00 (that would only be \$1.20 from each of us). They have a wonderful plan formulated, but we will wait until the next issue to print it in full.

The Sunday School Board was dissolved and a National Sunday School Convention was organized with Brother W. E. Coville, of Route 1, Elm Hill Road, Nashville, Tennessee, as president. There were 63 ministers and men interested in Sunday Schools met with the Sunday School Board in the committee room. They have a very wonderful work outlined.

A spiritual atmosphere and harmony prevailed throughout the association. Our people were drawn closer together in a greater work.

The next annual session of the National Association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church in Drumright, Oklahoma.

Rev. Harry E. Staires is the present pastor of the Drumright church, and he bade us welcome to come to Drumright next year. He also told us that the officials of his city also asked for us to come to Drumright.

Brother Staires' church feels very content that they can entertain the next National Association and surely they can.

National Foreign Missionary Report

(By the Board of Foreign Missions of National Association)

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists prayerfully and gratefully submit the following report of the year July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1940.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alabama—
By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red

Bay, Alabama	.....\$ 7.71
Union Hill L. A. S.	..... 2.00
Total from Alabama	.....\$ 9.71
Georgia—	
Martin Union, by W. E. Lane, Iron City, Ga.	..... 7.81
Georgia League Rally	..... 1.00
Auxiliary Convention	..... 6.93
South Georgia Association and Union	..... 10.00
Cedar Springs L. A. S.	..... 5.00
Glennville Church	..... 24.00
Total from Georgia	.....\$ 55.24
Michigan—	
First Church, Hazel Park	..... 16.00
Highland Park Church	..... 15.00
Total from Michigan	.....\$ 31.00
Mississippi—	
By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Alabama	..... 42.29
Total from Mississippi	.....\$ 42.29
Missouri—	
State Association by Rev. Winford Davis	..... 723.26
Total from Missouri	.....\$ 723.26
North Carolina—	
State Association by Rev. W. L. Moretz	..... 510.17
Leagues and League Union	..... 36.21
Eastern Auxiliary Convention and L. A. S.	..... 39.00
Individual Churches	..... 8.00
George Webster, Washington	..... 100.00
Mrs. N. O. Hodges, Winterville	..... 1.00
Total from North Carolina	.....\$ 694.38
Oklahoma—	
State of Oklahoma by Rev. B. F. Rogers Wewoka, Oklahoma	..... 63.94
W. S. Gardner, Springler, Oklahoma	..... 10.00
Total from Oklahoma	.....\$ 73.94
Ohio—	
State of Ohio by Mrs. James Peach of Sciotoville, Ohio	..... 293.00
Ohio River Association by Rev. M. B. Hutchinson of Zaleski, Ohio	..... 5.25
M. B. Hutchinson, personal	..... 1.00
Ohio Sunday Schools by Delbert Gould, Wellston	..... 10.00
Total from Ohio	.....\$ 309.25

South Carolina—

S. C. Union by Rev. E. P. Kirby, Cades-----	90.00
S. C. Women's Auxiliary Convention-----	9.00
W. J. Gibbs, Pamphico-----	5.00

Total from South Carolina -----\$ 104.00

Tennessee—

Cumberland Association by G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tennessee-----	440.66
Women's Auxiliary Convention of Cumberland Association-----	42.50
Carrie West, Cookeville,-----	1.00
Mrs. Redding, Adams-----	5.00

Total from Tennessee -----\$ 489.16

Texas—

State Association by C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas,-----	119.55
First Church, Fort Worth, by Gee Moore-----	46.89
North Zulch League-----	.25

Total from Texas -----\$ 166.69

Public Offering at last National Association (1939) -----\$ 127.15

Total receipts for the year -----\$2,826.07
Balance brought forward -----619.24

Grand Total -----\$3,445.31

DISBURSEMENTS

T. H. Willey (salary)-----	\$1,250.00
T. H. Willey (miscellaneous exp.)-----	119.80
Miss Laura Belle Barnard (for salary)-----	700.00
Miss Laura Belle Barnard (as special gift)-----	29.50
Miss Bessie Yeley (for salary)-----	450.00
Miss Bessie Yeley (passport to Venezuela)-----	200.00
I. J. Blackwelder (traveling exp.)-----	27.50
Postage and Phone Call-----	9.25
Cablegrams to India-----	24.03

Total Disbursements -----\$2,810.08
Balance in Treasury -----\$ 604.23

RECOMMENDATIONS

First. We recommend that Miss Laura Belle Barnard be given a furlough, beginning as early as it is convenient for her to leave India, probably the first of September, 1940.

Second. We recommend the continuation of Miss Bessie Yeley's salary at \$50 per month for the next year.

Third. We recommend that Brother and Sister Willey return to Panama next month, and thus resume the work they have begun. If they cannot re-enter Panama, we recommend that they go to Columbia and begin work among the Choco

Indians of that country. Moreover, we recommend that the Willey's salary be continued in the amount of \$100 a month, and that they be allowed the necessary amounts for traveling expenses and passports.

Fourth. We recommend the following budget for the year, July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941:

Missouri-----	\$ 700.00
Texas-----	300.00
Ohio-----	400.00
South Carolina-----	150.00
Alabama-----	100.00
Mississippi-----	50.00
Kentucky-----	50.00
Florida-----	50.00
Tennessee-----	600.00
Oklahoma-----	250.00
Virginia-----	100.00
Georgia-----	150.00
Illinois-----	50.00
North Carolina-----	1200.00

Finally, we recommend that our missionaries give reasonably complete reports of their work at least quarterly. Their reports are to be published in our church organs.

Board Members:

Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Oklahoma; C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas; Rev. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, North Carolina; Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

National Women's Auxiliary Convention

The women of the National Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists submit the following report:

We met in regular session in Paintsville, Kentucky, July 15 and 16. Eight states represented; seven by delegations and one by letter. We have three state organizations and 21 district conventions. There are approximately 2124 women engaged in this work. Six states report Stewardship Study Classes, and four states sponsoring Declamation Contests.

The week of prayer, set at one week before Easter, was generally observed, and results were known.

Each state has made substantial contribution to each phase of the program outlined by this body. Namely: Home and Foreign Missions, Education and Benevolence such as distribution of good literature, ministerial relief, soul winning efforts, and helping provide for the unfortunate and poor.

By teaching stewardship, our women are learning proportionate giving (or tithing) instead of depending on suppers, bazaars, and other such methods.

We are happy to have Oklahoma represented for the first time.

The ladies from Mississippi report several local missionary societies. They are

making plans for the organization of a district convention soon.

Some very constructive recommendations were made, by a member of the vice presidents, to improve the work. These were adopted, and will be in the new Manual and revised handbook.

This body of women want to pledge our full support, not only to our local church, district and state associations, but also to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Following is our financial report:

Receipts

Auxiliary Convention of Union Association of Tennessee-----	\$ 6.60
District Auxiliary Convention of South Carolina-----	15.00
State Auxiliary Convention of Georgia-----	35.48
Dist. Auxiliary Convention of State Line Association (Fla. & Ala.)-----	5.61
Auxiliary State Convention of N. C.-----	57.55
District Auxiliary of Central Texas-----	7.65
Auxiliary of East Texas-----	3.00
Auxiliary of Cumberland Association of Tennessee-----	20.60
Auxiliary of Missouri State Association-----	8.80
Mrs. McAdams' Mission Barrell-----	20.60
Total-----	\$180.89

Disbursements

Foreign Missions-----	\$ 3.68
President's Expenses-----	18.50
First Vice President-----	6.50
Second Vice President-----	11.00
Third Vice President-----	35.00
Fourth Vice President-----	11.37
Fifth Vice President-----	10.00
Field Secretary-----	15.00
Recording Secretary-----	20.00

Total -----\$131.15

Total balance in Treasury -----\$ 88.67

†We have given hundreds of dollars from local auxiliaries.

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Turned over by former treasurer, Rev. J. K. Warkentin-----\$252.90
Received from all sources -----197.85

Total -----\$450.75

Expenditures

Printing (Stationery)-----	\$ 7.00
Rev. M. L. Hollis (on revivals)-----	50.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson (Bro. Willey's campaign)-----	50.00
Postage-----	5.97

Total -----\$112.97

Balance -----\$337.78

The report of the Home Mission work was very arousing, but it was not written. Rev. M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Alabama, is preparing some wonderful manuscripts about this wonderful work.

National Statistical Report

Clarence Bowen, National Statistician,
Box 203,
East Durham, N. C.

Membership Report

	1939	1940
No. of churches	1,185	1,047
No. of members	101,041	132,270
Members baptized	2,225	3,362
Members received by letter	668	478
Members restored	73	114
Total received	2,966	3,954
Members died	345	450
Dismissed by letter	255	279
Excommunicated	335	349
Total loss	935	1,078
Increase in membership	2,031	2,875
Ordained ministers	1,154	1,066
Licensed Ministers	50	63

Financial Report

	1939	1940
Value of church property	\$1,306,175	1,242,002
Value of denominational property	161,835	169,035
1. Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.	81,500	81,500
2. Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn.	39,335	46,535
3. F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.	30,000	30,000
4. F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Mo.	4,500	5,000
5. School Property, Dothan Ala.	5,500	5,500
6. Zion Bible School, Ga.	1,000	1,000
Value of all property	1,468,010	1,411,037
Paid for Building and Repairs	20,473.02	14,533.76
Paid pastors	91,254.53	84,534.91
Paid evangelists	3,031.78	4,827.43
Total paid pastors and evangelists	94,286.31	89,362.34
Paid to Orphanages	44,179.30	23,463.25
Paid to Foreign Missions	2,582.86	2,826.07
Paid to Home Missions		197.85
Paid for Christian Education	1,651.07	2,000.00
Total paid for all purposes	\$163,988.96	132,383.27

[The National Association articles were taken from the F. W. B. Gem.]

Announcement

Oak Grove F. W. B. Church will begin their revival meeting August 18. An all-day service will be held, with lunch spread at 12 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all former Pastors, members and friends to attend this service.

Rev. Walter Jordan, *Pastor*
Ruth Melvin, *Clerk*

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

What Will You Do about It?

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER, *1st Vice-Pres.,*
Women's Auxiliary, Nashville, Tenn.

Most members of the Women's Auxiliaries can look back to early school days when copy books were an important feature of early school day's activity. When a new clean book with its fresh clean leaves were put into our hands, its very freshness led to high resolves to follow the copy truly. Sometimes blunders or ugly blots marred a page, but it could be turned over and thus there was presented a new opportunity to try again for a perfect copy. When the last page was reached, real improvement was the reward of care and high resolve. As the teacher turned the pages, she was pleased with the evidence that her pupils had done better.

This year at our annual Auxiliary Convention we were pleased as the pages turned and departmental records disclosed evidence of pupils who had done better. At Paintsville, Kentucky during the 1940 session, there was rejoicing in the triumphs of this year. Its victories were an evidence that faithful following of plans had brought rich rewards that would bring larger returns. The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary, "to promote a missionary spirit in the women of our churches through prayer, the study of missionary literature, individual and directed personal service, and to secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards of the National Association and by the Women's Auxiliary Convention," had its reward and promised larger returns in the days that lie ahead.

For our Auxiliaries a new year dawns; like the new clean book with its fresh clean leaves it leads to high resolves. In it will be written the records of the year 1940-1941. Will the writing be pleasing to the great Teacher? We pray that it may be. Each one is responsible for the complete record which will be closed July, 1941, at Drumright, Oklahoma. Individual loyalty and devotion to the ideals of the Women's Auxiliary are essential if the society record is to be good. The society must constantly stimulate its members, striving for the highest goals and thus the Associational, district and state records will maintain a high level. The sum of the state records will determine how faithful the individual members have been toward attaining the ideals of the Women's Auxiliary.

It is my assigned duty to tell you some of the plans assigned to our hands for this new Auxiliary Convention year.

Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses." If He finds us faithful in word and deed and gift, then He will be pleased. Here are some suggestive plans emphasized at our recent meeting in Paintsville, and the observance of which, we believe will fortify our purpose, unite our effort and stimulate to forward movements that will please our great Teacher.

1. Co-operate with the 1940-41 Plan of Work—No one expects Heavenly Power without hearty promotion of the work faithfully and well given. "Faith without works is dead." Be as diligent and zealous as possible in your work. Do not try to work without tools. Look soon for an announcement of some Auxiliary supplies. Supply yourself with the tools of service, master the use of them by making thorough study of each.

2. Cultivate the Spirit of Revival—After studying these books, everyone should seek to start a revival within her own heart. Moody once said, "No one can lead another closer to God than He himself lives." After all is said, our sole purpose in all our Auxiliary work is to lead more souls to Christ and then out into fields of Christian service.

3. Establish a Family Altar—One great purpose brought out in this meeting was to encourage the establishment of family altars, with daily Bible reading and prayer in the family circle.

4. Emphasize the Use of Our Denominational Papers—Always read all through the "Free Will Baptist" and "The Gem."

5. Promote Stewardship and Missions—Read as much as you can about those two all-important subjects. From an empty or uninterested, uninformed mind or heart no spark of enthusiasm flies to lodge or kindle new fires in another breast.

6. A-1—This new year's record can be made A-1 if you hereby highly resolve to make it so. Present the Standard of Achievement Wall Chart to the members, discuss each point not as a rigid requirement but as a reminder of the different phases of activity which can be entered into. Let the officers and committees and members study their organization manual and know what to do and how to do it.

The close of our Auxiliary Convention in July, always speaks with an urgent voice asking that we "forget the things that are passed and press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." When we think of what He has called us from in our salvation and invited us into service, we are immediately mindful of the effort we should put forth to reach toward His loving expectation in us, lest we handicap the progress of His purpose of world redemption thru us. Abiding in Him with complete devotion, we will have power to work in His name.

I am looking hopefully into the

future, and expecting our Auxiliaries to have a great year. Are you? I do pray that every Auxiliary member wants the best year in her society that has ever been and wants it enough to go out after it with her best. As we labor together with God this year, let's put our all into His service and together we will be victorious.

(Look for a more inspiring minute description of our recent Women's Auxiliary Convention held on Tuesday, July 16th, 1940, at Paintsville, Kentucky, that is soon to be given by our able secretary, Miss Lola Johnson of Alma, Georgia.)

Sandy Plain Aid Report

Our Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Rashie Kennedy on Saturday before the 2nd. Sunday in its regular session. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy. The Devotional services were led by Mrs. Coy Sumner, which began by singing "I Love to Tell the Story," after which we had sentence prayers by different members. Although there were but a few present due to the bad weather, Jesus was one in our midst. We were all made to rejoice by the blessed Holy Spirit which prevailed throughout the meeting.

Our two male members Mr. R. C. Kennedy and Mr. Rashie Kennedy were present with us and we were very glad to have them.

Our lesson was from the Year Book and was on Missions which was read by Mr. Rashie Kennedy. Mr. Rashie Kennedy and also Mr. R. C. Kennedy made some very helpful remarks on the lesson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and the roll called with nine members present. Dues and offering amounted to \$2.85. There had been 200 chapters read in the Bible, 25 sick visits made and one hospital call was made, 13 trays taken to the sick and 9 bunches of flowers sent, and 7 gallons of milk and \$4.00 worth of food and clothing given to the needy.

It was moved and agreed that we give \$5.00 to the Orphanage and \$1.00 for Christian education. We plan to help more on this as soon as we can.

After the business of the meeting was over the meeting was turned over to the stewardship committee and a very interesting story was given on the woman who saved her country, by Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, after which we were dismissed by Mrs. Rashie Kennedy to meet with Mrs. R. C. Kennedy in August.

We were served cookies and iced tea by the hostess which was enjoyed by all.

We wish to ask that all, who read this, pray for our little work that we might be able to do more for our Master in the future than we have in the past.

Mrs. William Thigpen, Secy.

Aid Report of Sidney Church

The Aid met at the church for the regular monthly meeting on July 18. The president called the meeting to order and the members sang hymn 170 as the opening song. The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all members present. The seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation was read as the Scripture lesson. Then sentence prayer was offered by the members.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the roll was called with 16 members present and 3 visitors. The Aid activities are as follows: paid for dues, \$1.20; free-will offering collected in, \$9.60; chapters read, 260; sick visits made, 21; trays sent to the sick, 4. For the church benefit, we drew out \$2.75.

We are to study St. Matthew 3; St. Mark 1; St. Luke 3; St. John 1 during the next month. Since there was no business to be transacted, the Aid adjourned until the next time in course, which will be

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

Confession and Forgiveness

(Lesson for August 25)

Lesson: 2 Samuel 12: 1-14; Psalm 51: 1-17; 32: 1-11.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed*" (James 5: 16).

In this text, the suggestion is made that those who are sick ought to confess their sins—a splendid bit of advice. And a second time the prayer for the sick, not only on the part of elders, but on the part of believers, is urged.

On the other hand, let us not be discouraged, either, if there is not healing. In an issue of Revelation, Paul Hutchens, evangelist and author, has an article on "When God Says No." "God's no in answer to prayer, means 'something better'! That is the happy secret I have discovered after being denied one of the most earnest desires of my whole life. 'O my Father,' I cried that afternoon in 1929 at Santa Rosa, California, 'I plead with Thee, hear my prayer, now, *now*.' Many of you know of the way in which our Lord has used this writer of Christian fiction, which would never have been written had the answer to his prayer been 'Yes.' Here is his testimony: 'My own life is rich and full. While it is true, my health is now greatly improved it has been at the cost of ten years of semi-invalidism, suffering, a total of three and one-half years in bed and a number of operations.' It is right to pray for the sick; and we will do it if we are clean (1 John 1: 9).—H. M. H.

I. Lesson High Points

1. The first lesson we should learn is this: "Wherefore let him that

thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). By common consent there was no man in all Israel less likely to be overtaken in grievous sin than King David. He was now well advanced in age, experienced, wise, and mature. He had been an outstanding believer on the Lord since early youth. He had given evidence of being able to meet and resist temptations on many occasions. He had been signally favored and blessed of the Lord above all his contemporaries. This fact was an additional bond tending to keep him loyal to his Lord. He had seen the evil effects of wrongdoing upon many of his subjects. He knew and loved the Law of God (Ps. 119: 97-100), which condemned in plain and unsparring language this particular sin (Exodus 20: 14).

2. The sin of David reminds us of the inveterate evil nature of our flesh, the old man, as Paul calls it. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17: 9, A. S. V.). It is unchangeable, and is a constant fountain of evil unless it is mortified by the Spirit of God (Mark 7: 20-23; Galatians 5: 19-21; Romans 8: 13; Colossians 3: 5). It but waits an opportunity to manifest itself. Its presence in us is not to be forgotten or ignored. Rather, we are to be watchful and make no provision for the flesh (Philippians 3: 3). There will never be a time, so long as we are in this body, when we will not be liable to temptation and in danger of becoming involved in sin. Our warfare against indwelling sin is like the warfare of Israel against Amalek; it is to be continual and unsparring.

3. From the Sacred Record we learn that David laid himself open to temptation by his own conduct. It was at the time of the year "when kings go forth to battle" that David fell. Instead of going forth with his forces as his duty demanded and as his custom was, he remained at home and passed the time in slothful ease

and indulgence. Evidently he had relaxed in his religious exercises; then of his praying, meditating, or praising God. He had slumped physically, intellectually, and spiritually; and this state was an open invitation for the powers of evil to come in.

We cannot say that Bathsheba was guiltless. Her immodest behavior was a studied attempt to attract the attention of the king. She was a willing partner in his crime. She could have refused the king's overtures and expostulated with him about the sinfulness of his conduct (Genesis 39: 9). Perhaps her refusal might have saved the king from his course of evil. But it is just such factors, the moral indifference of men and the planned machinations of comely women, that have been the ruin of thousands. Such like conditions still obtain (Prov. 2: 16-19).

4. David's confession revealed a true saving faith in God as his Redeemer and Sanctifier. He prays for forgiveness, but he prays for a deep work upon his whole being. He wants not only outer cleansing, but inner, a clean heart indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Our God is a great Saviour. "The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1: 9).

David's forgiveness was equally prompt. Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die." That David had the immediate assurance of this forgiveness and restoration, is proved by the 32 Psalm. In that Psalm David, out of this experience, describes the blessedness of one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, and unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity.—R. C.

4. Note God's truth about human perfection spiritually. God Himself declared Job to be a perfect man. This did not mean Job was sinless, but that he earnestly and honestly

tried to do God's will, and when shown that he had sinned he at once repented, turned from that sin. This is what Jesus meant by Christian perfection. In closing, don't overlook the good things in our quarterlies.

Minutes of Last Convention

The Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Convention of the lower South Carolina Conference met with Little Lamb Sunday School, Horry County, S. C. on April 6th, 1940.

Devotional—Rev. N. N. Davis, Psalm 133.

Appointment of committees — Judges, Finance and Program.

Rendering of Program — Little Lamb, Georgetown, Williams Hill, New Hope and New Prospect.

Reports of Committees—

(1)—Judges—Considering organization and system of handling Sunday School affairs Little Lamb Sunday School is in better working condition. All showed good training, spiritual and practical, therefore, it was hard to determine the best. (2) Finance—The collection during the convention from the different schools amounted to \$17.10 and plus the \$5 on hand made a total of \$22.10. The expense of the convention was \$4.79, which leaves in the treasury \$17.31. (3)—Program—There will be only a few amendments to the old program as you will notice in the future one.

Discussion—A new way to help in raising the Convention fund. The Superintendent of each Sunday School must not only ask for the ten cents per member but tithe the Sunday School treasury, therefore, no school will come up lacking a convention fund. It was discussed and adopted, too, that all of the Convention fund above expenses would be held as Orphanage Funds, for South Carolina Free Will Baptist.

Election of officers—General Supt. J. G. Williams re-elected.

Secretary and Treasurer — Edna Pope and Field Worker, G. W. Howell re-elected.

Pastors present six. We always appreciate their presence because it shows they are interested in what their Churches and Sunday Schools are doing.

Adjournment to meet at the next regular time and place, Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September (August 31st) 1940 at Williams Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Edna W. Pope,
Secy.-Treas.

Letter from Wendell, N. C.

Dear Baptist Readers:

After many years of experience working in the cause of Christian education, in several different states, and with more than a dozen different denominations; and after having helped scores of poor boys and girls to get into educational institutions and places of training, Professor A. R. Flowers feels that there is no substitute for the church paper.

All the picture productions and radios, he says, can no more meet the needs of our churches for wholesome religious literature, such as should be in the making of our church papers. Now, I am just a high school girl, and I am expecting to graduate at the end of the scholastic year 1941, and I cannot see for myself why we cannot have a larger paper, and one that carries more articles by our best ministers, and Sunday School leaders. It seems to me that some people are failing to do their best.

Now, I know that it is a long road for a girl to work most of her way, but I am hoping to prepare myself for a teacher after I graduate from high school. I am aware that young women who prepare themselves for teachers of the Free Will Baptist faith are few, but I hope that I can be one of the few who can find a way.

Wanda Wilder,
Wendell, N. C., Route 1

A New Plan

I sent the paper to a friend of mine for three months, and she was so happy to get the paper that she gave me the subscription money. So I plan to use that .30 cents to see how many new subscribers I can get.

I plan to send one in as soon as I learn her address and when she gives me the money for hers I plan to send another in and keep the 30 cents going for a worthy cause. I am sure the interest will amount to a lot, not as the world counts but as a heavenly treasure.

The paper has meant so much to me that I want everyone to take it as I'm sure it will be a source of strength to them. When I began reading it I was awfully discouraged and about ready to give up. Now I feel so joyous and enjoy knowing about other folks of our denomination, that I know the Baptist was a guide to keep me from slipping back into the world, away from God.

Mrs. C. T. Adams

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

MISS LOUISE EDGERTON, *Manager*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>County</i>
Sat., Aug. 10	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Mon., Aug. 12	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Tues., Aug. 13	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Wed., Aug. 14	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Thur., Aug. 15	King's X Roads	Pitt
Fri., Aug. 16	Spring Branch	Greene
Sat., Aug. 17	Saratoga	Wilson
Mon., Aug. 19	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Tues., Aug. 20	Owens Chapel	Wilson
Wed., Aug. 21	Otters Creek	Edgecombe
Thur., Aug. 22	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Fri., Aug. 23	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe
Sat., Aug. 24	Barnes Hill	Nash
Mon., Aug. 26	Piney Grove	Nash
Tues., Aug. 27	Mount Zion	Nash
Wed., Aug. 28	People's Chapel	Wilson
Thur., Aug. 29	Rose Bud	Wilson
Fri., Aug. 30	Edgemont	Durham
Sat., Aug. 31	Union Grove	Durham
Mon., Sept. 2	Hansley's Chapel	Durham
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Boys and Girls Corner

A Band of Mercy with One Member

Rhoda sat on the front porch feeling rather lonely. She had just seen her friend Bessie hurrying off to the train with her father and mother for a month's vacation at her grandmother's. Sue, who lived at the other end of the street, had gone to her cousin's to stay until school began.

"Every one but us has vacations," thought Rhoda. That year in Rhoda's home there was no money to spend on anything that was not actually needed, for her father had been many months in the hospital and was still not able to work much of the time. All day the whirring sound of the sewing machine told of Rhoda's mother busily helping to earn money for food and clothes.

"Miaow, Miaow," sounded mournfully from the street. "Oh, there is Bessie's kitten!" cried Rhoda. "I suppose she forgot to ask any one to take care of it."

Rhoda ran over and cuddled the soft, furry little bundle in her loving arms. "I'll just take you home and take care of you," she said.

A few minutes later as the kitten sat lapping some milk from a saucer, Rhoda called: "Mother, may I go over to Sue's house? Perhaps she forgot her kitten, too."

"Yes," said mother, who was so busy sewing that she did not hear what Rhoda had said.

When Rhoda came back she held a white kitten in her arms. She had found it hiding under the porch at Sue's home.

For the rest of the week she was too busy to be lonesome. And the kittens were perfectly happy and contented in their new home. Then one morning two letters came—one from Bessie and one from Sue—each telling of her forgotten kitten and begging Rhoda to try to find it. Back went two letters that afternoon, telling each anxious little mis-

tress that her pet was perfectly safe.

Rhoda had such happy hours with the kittens that the weeks of vacation flew by, and soon Bessie was home. Without even stopping to take off her hat she hurried over to Rhoda's house. "Here's a present from kitty," she said, giving Rhoda a package. "Open it," she said, as she hugged her fluffy pet.

"Oh! Oh! a white dress! Mother, come, see what a beauty it is," cried Rhoda.

"And here is a present from Sue's kitty, too," laughed Bessie.

Rhoda was so excited when she found in that package a new pair of slippers, that "Oh, dear!" was all that she could say.—*The Sunbeam*.

Matthew 5: *Ta: Blessed are the merciful.*—SELECTED.

Aid Report of Sidney Church

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August 15, 1940. Mrs. Tenar Davis pronounced the benediction.

The hostess then served refreshments.

Mrs. Laura Hill, *Cor.-Secy.*

Program

Program of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Western Association which will be held with New Sandy Hill Church on September 19, 1940. Theme—Give of your best to the Master.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Our Best
- 10:05—Devotional—Mrs. T. W. Stancil
- 10:20—Welcome Address—Mrs. Doris Bunn
- 10:35—Response—Mrs. H. L. Jer-nigan
- Manning and iss Lizzie
- 10:40—Special Music—Miss Marie Mannine and Miss Lizzie Phillips
- 10:45—Appointment of committees, —Roll call of Societies

- 11:00—Song "I Gave My Life for Thee"
- 11:05—Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- 11:40—Song "To the Work"
- 11:45—Benediction
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Song, "Jesus Calls Us"
- 1:05—Devotional Mrs. Worth Davis
- 1:20—Local program
- 1:50—Song by the congregation
- 1:55—What part has the Ladies' Aid in the Kingdom's Work? (Open forum led by Mrs. J. P. Barrow)
- 2:25—Business program (Finance and appropriations)
- 2:40—Presentation of Honor awards
- 2:50—Song
- 2:55—Benediction

Mrs. Will Tippet, *Secy.*

Rev. M. L. Hollis Comes to Southeast Alabama

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At night, people came very early in order to get a seat. In every way the people showed interest and gave co-operation in the meeting.

Thursday night he preached the sermon that has caused more discussion than one ever perached in Henry County. People didn't dispute him, they marvelled at it. One young lady eighteen years of age said, "I wish I could hear it again. I never dreamed that there were such things in the Bible." His subject was, "The Last Battle, where it will be fought, and by whom it will be fought." I would to God that it could be possible for everyone to hear this message.

Friday, the last day came; in the morning the message was especially good. Some said that Friday night's message was the best one of all. His subject: "The Man of Sin and Who He Is." Our only trouble that night was that the house would not hold half of the people who wanted to hear the message. We had planned to have an open air service, but

the rain clouds prevented this. That brought this wonderful meeting to a close. We had so many good prayers, beautiful music and singing, beautiful flowers, and the most beautiful scene of all was the twenty-five ladies, girls, boys and men who came asking for a home in our church.

Brother Hollis left us Friday night. How we do humbly thank God for his coming and we do pray that he can come again next summer and stay two weeks in our midst. Our humble prayer is that God will spare him many many years and bless all his efforts as He did in our little church.

On Saturday morning we met at the water for the sacred ordinance of Baptism. It was a beautiful scene. It reminded me of the Bible scene. Still we had a large crowd. Someone remarked that they never knew one man to please everyone before like Brother Hollis did.

Saturday at noon Brother Pelt and his dear wife left us. We had to part with all those dear people whom we had enjoyed such wonderful association with in the few short days.

Brother Pelt left us to go to a strange church. Our prayer is that they will give him a hearty welcome and that they can have such a meeting as we did.

We humbly pray for God to guide, guard and protect these two ministers and keep us true always.

We ask each of you to remember our little church here at Union in your prayers so that we may continue to grow and prosper.

Concert Class Report

Alma Broughton, Manager

LaGrange	\$15.70
White Oak Grove	8.35
Daileys Chapel	7.50
St. Paul's	7.31
Oak Grove	16.64
Shady Grove	25.60
Total	\$81.10

Other Donations

Mrs. Dan Waller (clothing)	\$2.00
Mr. Ben Casey (gasoline)	1.00
Total	\$3.00

Report of Concert Class

Louise Edgerton, Manager

THIRD WEEK

St.'s Delight	\$21.03
Little Creek	32.17
Elm Grove	10.00
Ayden	27.64
Rose Hill	5.85
Black Jack	25.05

Zebulon Missionary Baptist Church	8.60
Total	\$130.34

Georgia State Association

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yet joined the State Association. We hope to have in the State with us in this session in November. Where there is unity there is strength. Let us join our arms together to fight the forces of sin in Georgia. We are praying that all of our people will see the need of a trained, consecrated and united army for God.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
115 Colton Avenue,
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F. W. B. Orphanage Report for July, 1940

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1940	\$ 756.49
Religious organizations	345.16
Parents and Relatives	13.50
Concerts	799.17
Special funds (premium depts.)	22.11
Total	\$1,936.43

Expenditures

Salaries	239.02
Office supplies	22.24
Telephone and Telegraph	1.40
Insurance (car, truck, and burial)	78.68
Conference expenses for Board	20.78
Financing and Publicity	26.24
Class' expenses	60.50
Food	243.75
School Course for Velva Daughtry	32.00
Clothing	127.03
Household	70.00
Transportation	72.17
Health Supplies (medicine)	2.96
Hospital bill, (Odell Jones)	48.60
Lights	15.18
Farm supplies and Labor	210.17
Repair (plumbing)	34.56
Traveling expenses for W. A. Jackson (building plan)	17.40
Total	\$1,322.68
Balance on hand August 1	613.75
	\$1,936.43

Cash Receipts Itemized

Balance on hand	\$ 756.49
Elwood Lane Church	5.00
Concert Class (Miss Broughton)	175.12
Cape Fear Union	15.50
Everett's Chapel	1.00
Union Grove, Durham County	4.10
South View Church	3.16
King's Chapel Church	2.50
Free Union, Wake County	1.17
Oak Grove Church, Durham Co.	5.00
Hansley's Chapel	30.00
Senior League, Free Union Church	1.00
Third Union meeting of the Western Association	7.00
Pleasant Plain Sunday School	10.00
Mrs. G. M. Carraway	1.00
Bethel Church, Pamlico County	3.16
Barnes Hill Church	4.60
Union Grove Church, Wayne Co.	5.00
By D. B. Morris and Wife, State League Convention	5.00
G. W. Bailey	5.00
Fourth Union of the Central Conference, offering	5.60
Donation	20.00
Hugo Sunday School	6.30
Mt. Zion Sunday School, Pamlico County	4.74
Soundside Adult League	.77

Mt. Olive Church, Washington Co.	9.50	Mrs. W. M. Phillips (food)	40
Spring Branch Church	9.20	Shady Grove, by J. H. Willis (food)	.80
Core Creek S. S.	5.00	Mrs. R. D. Lockamy (food)	2.10
Pleasant Grove Jr. L. A. S.	1.00	J. G. Warren (food)	1.00
Cedar Hill Church and S. S.	1.03	Joe Morris (haircuts)	.40
Hopper Paper Company	10.00	Goldsboro Beauty Shop (haircuts)	1.00
Warden's Grove. S. S.	2.25	Mrs. Floyd Dowdy (clothing)	1.00
J. C. Griffin Senior League at Soundside	.81	Malachi's Chapel Church (potatoes)	40.50
Fourth Union of the Central Conference	7.12	Louise Edgerton (clothing)	.85
First Union of the Western Conference	28.00	Shady Grove L. A. S. (food)	10.70
Rose Hill Church	4.75	Oak Grove Church (food)	9.60
Concert Class (Miss Broughton)	160.19	Shady Grove Church, by Claude Westbrook (food)	21.00
Goldsboro Sunday School	10.44	Fannie Mae Smith (clothing)	1.25
3rd Union of Eastern Association	10.00	Mrs. Lucy Butts (household)	7.00
Hickory Grove Church	10.50	W. H. Howell (food)	1.75
Rooty Branch Church	1.55	Prospect Church, Johnston County (corn)	15.75
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00	Mrs. S. L. Silverthorne (clothing)	3.80
Carteret County Union Meeting	12.35	Aid clothing	30.53
Juniper's Chapel Church	2.30	Total	\$289.53
Mrs. J. F. Ashmore, Georgia	2.50		
C. D. Midgett	1.00	Aids Having Furnished Cash or Clothing for Adopted Children	
Concert Class, (Miss Broughton)	114.13		
Sidney Church	3.00	Aid, Child	Amount
Hickory Chapel Church, by Superintendent	25.09	Dublin Grove Missionary Society, Elva Skinner	\$12.50
Concert Class (Miss Edgerton)	135.66	Aid, Child	Value
Winterville Sunday School	2.25	Senior Boys and Girls of Reedy Branch Church, Virginia Langley	\$ 8.25
Concert Class (Miss Broughton)	95.96	Mariboro L. A. S., Bruce Hawkins	9.33
Concert Class, by Wilson Church (Miss Broughton)	2.30	L. A. S. Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, Clinton Ange	6.55
Sidney Church	12.46	Free Union L. A. S., Hilda Harrell	6.40
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00	Total	\$30.53
White Oak Church	12.00		
Mrs. Lucy Butts	3.00		
Union Chapel Church	5.03		
Union Chapel S. S.	3.34		
Stacy Church	5.09		
Concert Class (Miss Edgerton)	115.81		
Pilgrim's Rest Church	3.00		
Palmolive-Peet Company	12.11		
Aid Money for Elva Skinner	12.50		
Total	\$1,936.43		

Donated Commodities

St. John's L. A. S. (household)	\$ 6.50
Mrs. W. J. Hinson (clothing)	.75
Reedy Branch L. A. S. (household)	3.00
Barnes Hill Church, by D. C. Vick and Charlie Barnes (corn)	6.00
Mrs. Ada Hodges, clothing	2.00
Aspin Grove Church (food & corn)	24.45
C. W. Heath (food)	.50
C. S. Smith (corn)	22.75
J. Jennings (corn)	7.00
Theo. B. Davis (programs)—Miss Edgerton's class	9.15
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Mrs. Lula H. Ruffin (furniture)	20.00
Powhatan Church (food & corn)	18.50
A. C. Godwin (food)	3.70
Wade Hardison (food)	1.80

Special Prayer

The following was a telegram received by the *Press* this week from the Reverend K. V. Shutes at Bainbridge, Georgia:

"Mrs. K. V. Shutes was operated on here in Alfred's Hospital Wednesday [AUGUST 7] at 1:00 p. m. Will appreciate the prayers of our friends. It was acute appendicitis."

The Baptist extends its fullest, and heartfelt sympathy to Rev. Shutes in Mrs. Shutes' sudden illness, and hope fervently for her speedy recovery.

To their host of friends, the Baptist feels certain and sure that they will each and everyone respond unanimously to this humble and worthy request.

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"Men ought always to pray."—LUKE 18: 1.

Pray early in the morning
For grace throughout the day;
We know not what temptations
And trials may cross our way.

Pray in the gladsome noontide,
When the day is at its best;
Pray when the night o'ertakes thee
To Him who giveth rest.

Pray in the silent midnight,
If wakeful hours be thine;
Pray for a heart submissive,
That never will repine.

Pray in the hour of sorrow,
Pray in the hour of grief;
In coming to the Father,
Thy souls shall find relief.

Pray when the sun shines brightest,
Thy path with roses strewn;
Pray that thy heart be ever
With the Saviour's kept in tune.

Pray when the dark day cometh,
And clouds hang overhead;
In the Secret of His presence
Thy soul hath naught to dread.

Pray for the Father's guidance
In all thy work and ways,
So shall thy days be fruitful,
Thy life be full of praise.

Living in touch with Jesus,
Keeping our own hearts right,
Others will be attracted
From darkness into light.

—Mrs. Major Arnold

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Man's Greatest Question

By A. M. ROBERTS, Alabama City, Alabama

What was the greatest question ever asked by man?

"And behold one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life." (Matthew 19: 16).

Out of the endless list of questions that man has asked or ever can ask, this is a supreme question, What must I do to be saved? or what shall I do that I may have eternal life?

Eternal life in heaven is worth more than all this world. "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16: 26). If we miss an eternal home in heaven we lose everything and it would be better if we had never been born.

This supreme question demands our attention above everything else. Oh, how earnest and careful we ought to be to find the correct answer in God's word, and then make sure that we fully comply with that answer in our lives.

What is the only way that any person can be saved? "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2: 8, 9).

Some people think that if they live a good moral life, pay their honest debts, and treat their fellowman right, they will get to heaven. Others think they can earn salvation by keeping the Ten Commandments.

All of these things are essential. A true Christian a real candidate for heaven will do all these things, but no person can save himself by his morality or by his good deeds.

There is only one way, that you, or I, or anybody else, ever has been, or ever can be saved, and that is by accepting Jesus as our personal Saviour, "and they said, Believe on the

Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16: 31).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16).

Christ died for our sins on the cross. He shed his blood that our sins might be forgiven, and when we accept his atonement on the cross, our sins are forgiven and we are justified before God. Since we have all sinned we are all under the sentence of death as transgressors of God's law; therefore all our good deeds are our obedience to God. Man is absolutely doomed to perish for his sins as far as anything he can do to save himself is concerned. This is why Faith in Christ alone can save us.

In obtaining pardon for all our sins through Christ's blood, what spiritual change is absolutely necessary to fit us for heaven?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3). As there is no other way to enter into this natural life except by a natural birth, so there is no other way to enter into a spiritual life except by a spiritual birth. In order for a sinner to live a different life he must receive a new life from above by being born of the spirit of God. No person will ever be able to live right until he is born of God and has a new heart, (1 John 5: 4, 18).

If the Lord merely forgave the wrong things that we have done that would still leave us with a sinful heart or carnal mind. The apostle Paul tells us that this carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, and neither indeed can be (Romans 8: 7). This sinful heart or carnal mind which we all have by nature

sins naturally of itself and it cannot do otherwise in spite of our good resolutions because it is inherently sinful. It sins as naturally as water runs down hill, so we can never live right until we have a change of heart or receive a new mind by being born again.

After being born again in order to receive eternal salvation, How must we relate ourselves to the commandments of God? "and being made perfect, he became the author of Eternal Salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5: 9).

In general it takes three things to make a sinner right with God and fit for a home in the new earth. (1) The pardon or forgiveness of all his sins. This is justification. (2) Being born again which is regeneration. (3) Obedience to all of God's instructions thru the indwelling of Christ by the Holy Spirit which is Sanctification. These three agree in one. (*To Be Continued.*)

Revival at Pleasant Hill

The revival will begin at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church on August 26. Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston will do the preaching. There will be services each night through the week, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

There will be fine gospel singing each evening, together with special music by the choir. We pray that God will greatly bless the meeting and many lost souls will be saved.

R. P. Harris, Pastor

*O let me then at length be taught,
That I am still so slow to learn,
That God is love, and changes not,
Nor knows the shadow of a turn.*

EDITORIAL

What Price Unity?

What is the value of co-operative labor? What does it mean for the machinery of an industrial establishment to function harmoniously in the production of manufactured good? And, What does it mean for a church, printing establishment, or a denomination to be united in effort and purpose?

The Bible gives us some fine examples of unity and purpose as lessons from which we may draw splendid truths of the values of co-operative service. Nehemiah of the Bible has furnished the world a concrete example of the value and purpose of united labor. He, as leader, called together the Jews about Judea and Jerusalem before him. He laid before them his plan and purpose for the rebuilding of the broken down wall about Jerusalem. He summoned a large number of laborers and artisans to perform the work. Though confronted with jealous opposition and adverse circumstances, he pursued his course with a zeal not to give up until the task was done. Thus a great work was accomplished in the short space of two months.

Nehemiah was victorious. His men labored under difficulties, but they did the work well. What price unity of effort and purpose did these men realize? They reconstructed a wall of protection about the city of Jerusalem and God's Holy Temple. Their united labors achieved the purpose for which Nehemiah, directed by the Spirit of God, was led to leave his post of duty in Babylon to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall of protection about God's holy sanctuary. With one objective in view, "they had a mind to work," and they did it for the glory of God.

Gideon of old and the three hundred men furnish for us another example of unity of effort which was made victorious after God's own

plan. The enemy, the Midianites, were encamped in the valley, ready to attack and devastate God's chosen people. But a great army was being drawn up to defend Israel. Then God told Gideon to make a test and use only men who were best fitted for the task of meeting the enemy. Gideon obeyed God's orders and, at the most opportune time, he and the three hundred men made their attack and put the enemy to flight.

A great victory was won for Israel because Gideon, with three hundred men, worked together to achieve a difficult task. What price victory did they realize? It meant the freeing of Israel from an imminent attack and the possibility of great destruction by the strong army of the Midianites who had come to destroy their people. Thus, Israel was saved a great destruction because Gideon followed God's divine instructions. It pays to co-operate with God in the performance of tasks that are worthwhile.

Then, again, we have an example of the prophet Haggai who has given to us in his brief prophecy the story of the returned captives from Babylon. They were directed to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem for the worship to the Lord, but they failed, soon after the work was begun, to continue the work because of opposition and their interests being taken up with other things. For a delay of several years the Temple remained unfinished while the people were busy building for themselves fine homes, and were chiefly concerned with other personal matters.

But God called Haggai, and told him to arouse the people to "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house" (Haggai 1: 8a). All that had been done were the laying of the foundations and the erection of the altar. Thus, Haggai

urged the people, and they began to rally to his call to rebuild God's holy Temple. Haggai had told them of the calamity of the drought which had come upon them because of their neglect of God's worship. Being convinced of the truth of Haggai's words, the people now "Came and did work in the house of the Lord." These returned captives went to work, helping one another, until they had finished the Temple to the glory of God. It is true, they had lost much time by their delay, but now they hastened to complete the Temple for sacred worship. No one man, nor a small group of men could have done the work so effectively as did they, but when a large number of people are united in one purpose, they are to build God's house in a definite length of time.

Just so today with the work of the local church, printing establishments, the orphanages, mission programs and the like. It takes co-operative efforts for worthwhile success to be achieved for the good of the church. Divided efforts, with divided patronage, always weaken unity, and the results often turn out to tragic failures in the end. When once a splendid piece of work has once been built up through the years for the good of the whole church, it is then vitally important that it be supported and patronized by all concerned. Good business men have learned this one fact. As an orphanage gets its strength of financial power from the liberality of the people that it may render a great service to the unfortunate children of the state, just so a publishing house, book store, or printing company for a church draws its financial strength from its supporters, or patrons. Therefore, with the proper unity and co-operation of the brotherhood such enterprises can become more and more useful and effective as the years pass. But, if divided efforts are set in operation at any time concerning such established enterprises for the welfare of the church, then their usefulness to the cause of the whole church will begin to weaken. On the other hand, there is strength

and real service felt in the proper co-operation, when it is manifested by the church at large.

God expects loyalty to be found in a people who represent a worthy cause or a progressive church program going forward in His name. He expects those who are laboring under a definite name and for definite goals in their church program to be faithful and co-operative in building up and strengthening their established institutions or enterprises.

Sunday School Association in North Carolina

ORGANIZATION PLANS—

1. Time: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1940.
2. Place: Little Rock Church, Luccama, North Carolina.
3. Purpose: To Organize and promote School work throughout the state with a definite aim to teach, preach, and evangelize in the name of Christ more efficiently.

P R O G R A M

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotional by Rev. Clarence Bowen
- 10:00—Registration of delegates, district presidents and ministers.
- 10:30—Business Period
- 11:00—Music and an address by Mr. W. E. Coville, chairman National Board
- 12:00—Noon Refreshments.

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional by Alton Paul (Free Union, Beaufort Co.)
- 1:30—Business (Organization perfected).
- 2:15—Sermon by Rev. L. R. Ennis
- 3:00—Adjournment

Homes for overnight guests who expect to attend the State Association of churches will be provided.

R. P. Harris, *Chairman*
Organizing Board



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard

P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

It is no small wonder that Christ so often took His disciples down by the Sea of Galilee, when He wanted to commune with them and find peace and rest. The week down at Camp Leach was indeed a wonderful week. While there we not only rested by the side of the quiet waters, but we received a greater vision of true service in the building up of the Kingdom of God through our Free Will Baptist Leagues. Perhaps there were some who went there a bit discouraged, some who were perplexed with problems in their various societies and other things, but I am sure that all went away with happy hearts for the joyous and uplifting things that we learned. Truly we were made to know that in Christ we had a Friend that can solve every problem and satisfy every desire of the Youth of our Church.

Those of you who did not attend the camp for our F. W. B. Leagues in North Carolina, missed a fine recreational program as well as much helpful instructions. I am urging now that you make your plans to attend next year. Perhaps you could encourage your leaguers to a greater year of service, if you offered the reward of your league appropriating for the Leaguer making the best record, a trip to Camp Leach next year. That is just a suggestion.

We truly enjoyed the fellowship that we had with Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen, Miss Fitzgerald, of Micro, Miss Barnard of Mississippi, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Mrs. Woodard as instructors and co-laborers. We will not soon forget the good eats prepared by our able dietician, Mrs. Foreman of Durham.

We were delighted to receive a report of the T. H. Willey League, of the Edgemont church in Durham, N. C., monthly business meeting. We trust that you may receive some helpful suggestions from this report:

The T. H. Willey Adult League held its monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Tinnin. The devotional was opened with a duet, "Willing Am I," by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carney. Prayer led by Mr. M. Parnell.

Business was opened with the roll call having 12 members and 5 visitors present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following officers were elected to finish the term of officers who have resigned: J. E. Carney, on the Prayer Meeting Committee; Mary Rochelle, As-

sistant Secretary; Mrs. Myers and C. T. Adams, absentee committee; E. P. Tinnin and Lily Rex, program committee.

A motion was carried that the secretary send each officer a written statement of their duty. A motion was carried that we take a special collection on every fifth Sunday for Missions. Plans were made for raising money for our building program. Mrs. Adams gave a report on the State League Convention which was interesting to all. Meeting was adjourned with our League benediction. All were invited into the dining room, where ice cream and cake was enjoyed by all.

C. T. Adams, *President*,
Venie Carney, *Secretary*

We wish to thank the Durham League for this report and trust that many other Leagues will follow suit and send in interesting and helpful suggestions that we might be able to more efficiently serve for the Glory of God and the building of God's Kingdom among our young people. Surely God has a great and wonderful part for our League in His Kingdom!

Rev. W. L. Moretz III

Dear Readers of the Free Will Baptist:

I am writing this letter to be published in the *Baptist* to let all the friends of my husband, Rev. Willet L. Moretz, know about his illness.

Mr. Moretz was stricken with an acute attack of neuritis involving the sciatic nerve, while visiting the orphanage August 3rd. He returned home August 5th and has been in bed since that time. He suffers very much at times, however, at the time of this writing he seems to be a little better.

Mr. Moretz will greatly appreciate hearing from all of his friends and would like to have anyone who can, visit him at his home. He was cheered and comforted by a visit of the Rev. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, North Carolina last Thursday.

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The Pastor's Duty

*By Clyde C. Flannery,
Dunham, Kentucky*

Since attending the National Association, I have learned that all Free Will Baptists are not "heartless." Well, that is the purpose of this article.

Out here in the East, especially in southeastern Kentucky and western Virginia, the F. W. Baptists have a peculiar idea about their pastor. Since I have been reared with and around them, and have heard them express their opinion of the pastor and his duty, I feel it my duty to inform you of the duty of our pastors.

First, and probably the most destructive of all, they consider it the pastor's duty to attend his church only once a month. In other words, during the pastor's year of service to his church, he is present with them only twelve times. I ask you, the readers of this paper, if you believe a pastor can fulfill his obligation to a church by attending it once a month? In most cases, the pastor lives ten or fifteen miles from the church and sometimes thirty-five or forty miles. The short period he is with his church, he doesn't have time to visit his members, personally. In fact, he is hardly acquainted with them. He is never present at prayer-meetings, or Sunday School, and doesn't know what it means to organize or attend a Free Will Baptist League or a Women's Auxiliary. How would you like to have a pastor who felt it his duty to attend your church in this way.

Second, they believe their pastor should labor in the fields, mines, shop, or factory for 5 or 6 days a week and then preach a good sermon on his "regular meeting time." They consider it his duty to work at some job and then preach, as though he had been preparing and resting for a month. I have had pastors to tell me that they were so tired when the day's work was over that they often fell asleep at night after reading the Bible for only ten or fifteen minutes.

And, by the way, they usually have an opportunity to read in this way only once or twice a week. Can that pastor do justice to his congregation when he stands before them to deliver a gospel message? I have never seen a man or woman work at two different jobs and do them both justice. The same is true of a pastor, who works in the mines, field, etc., and then tries to pastor a church or two.

Third, the most of the people feel that it is the unpardonable sin to "pay a preacher." As I have mentioned above, they think he should work at manual labor for his living, and then walk several miles to his church (and many of them do this) and preach to the people without them helping him financially at all. How many of you can show me where Apostle Paul worked at manual labor week after week for his living, after he began his work for the Master. But, brother, you can find many scriptures to prove that Paul was given the necessities of life by the church. And at one time Paul stated that he had received wages from the church. A lot of people think preaching and pastoring a church is "play work." I wish a lot of you radicals would just try it for six months. I think by that time you will be converted. This idea of treating your mule or horse better than you treat your pastor, will not work in the day of judgment.

I'm sure you understand now what I meant by "heartless." How can a group of people have a good Christian heart when they will allow the man that feeds their souls treated the way I have mentioned above? Of course, the preachers are to be blamed for a big majority of this neglect. Many of them will get in the pulpit and preach against giving the preacher anything at all. Nevertheless, there are a few God-called preachers who would like to give all their time to pastoral work, but their members think they should live on the air, and wouldn't dare give them a nickel to buy a box of salt.

I stand as one of the young Free Will Baptist ministers of this country and I am sure I express the desire and wish of every one when I say that we need pastors, who will put their entire life, time, and heart into their work. Let's wake up, Free Will Baptists, and not be sleeping when the Lord comes.

To Our Shut-ins

Mrs. C. T. Adams

Press on—Don't give up. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3: 13, 14).

The hopes and fears and accomplishments of Paul are a source of inspiration to me, because they show that all things are possible when we are anchored safely to the Rock of ages, Christ Jesus. To fail in Christian service, is to look from Christ. Paul's life proves that he was safely anchored. He went through suffering just as did his Saviour, who is our Saviour too. Paul was beaten with rods, stoned, and shipwrecked. He was in perils of robbers, in perils of the heathen, in perils among the beast of the wilderness. He suffered weariness, pain, hunger and thirst. He was often cold and naked. Besides all this, he suffered the care of all the churches. Yet he said, "If I must glory, I will glory in my infirmities." He was sick and he prayed that God would heal him, but God always answered, "My grace is sufficient for thee." This did not show that Paul did not have faith, but that he was a man who could endure all things for the gospel's sake. Tradition says that Paul was burned in the imperial garden, during Nero's reign, when he persecuted the Christians. Those of the Bible who were healed, were not believers, and when they were healed, it strengthened their faith in God. Many saints of

the Bible were sick, and I am saying this, so that if there are any on the bed of affliction, who wonder why God doesn't heal, you may take courage and remember that God wants you to know that, "His grace is sufficient for thee." Remember that Jesus suffered and was tempted in all points as we are yet without sin. He hungered under the devil's temptation; He thirsted with the woman at Samaria; He wept over Lazarus; He trembled at death; and at last He poured out His blood. To suffer, is to learn obedience. Surely, if Jesus and Paul learned to depend on God for strength, it should encourage us to pray for grace, and not bodily healing.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched by the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need" (Hebrews 4: 15-16).

Leading Revival

Dear Co-Workers:

It has been some time since we sent in a report of a revival. We were with Brother Dewese and church at Leadington two months in a tabernacle meeting. The services were good from the start and the campaign opened with personal work from house to house with prayer bands, numbers were reached in this way that would have never come to hear the gospel. Then on Tuesday and Friday of each week, we met at the tabernacle with a prayer meeting, and several were saved in these special services. Then as the meeting went on we had evening prayer meetings in the houses at 6 o'clock and from there to the tabernacle. Then we would have fine groups over the beautiful grounds engaged in prayer, while the congregation was gathering. The meeting was well attended by both the Desloge and Flat River churches. Both pastors took a splen-

did part with us in helping to make the meeting a success. We had 79 conversions. Some united with the different churches. The pastor of the Leadington church baptized 24 and a number united with the Leadington Church. Brother Dewese and church are fine to work with, and also Brother Albert Holbrook and his wife were splendid help in the meeting. God bless them all. We then came to Fredericktown, Missouri and began a meeting with Brother S. A. Hand. Another one of our fine Missouri boys. The services have been running for a week now, and interest is growing. Pray for us to have a great revival here, and that many may be saved. Don't forget the love offering for Sister Barnard and sisters, don't forget to join the "Fast Plan."

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. & Lizzie McAdams

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It was in August, 1935, when Miss Laura Belle Barnard left the good old U. S. A. for far-away India. For almost five years she has been laboring in that foreign field as an ambassador for Christ and as a missionary of the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Now that she has been away for these five years, she feels that she is due a leave of absence for a reasonable length of time in order that she might visit her people, her friends, and her church in her home land.

And I am sure that we, her brothers and sisters in Christ, are more than glad to grant her this privilege, and also to make a contribution to her furlough expenses. It will take about \$350.00 to pay Miss Barnard's expenses from India to the United States. And this amount must reach her very soon. Therefore, as was suggested at the National Association, and as Sister McAdams has suggested through the Baptist, you should send your contributions immediately, if you would like to have a part in her transportation expenses. Moreover, the foreign mission treasury needs your help on this expense, else it will be reduced to the minimum, as has been the unfortunate condition only a few times in the past. So may I urge you to send in your contributions at once and, if it is the Lord's will, Miss Barnard will be on her way home soon.

If you would like for Miss Barnard to visit your church while she is in the states, send your invitation to me.

I. J. Blackwelder,
937 Seymour Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

A Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation and heart felt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. May God's richest blessings abide with you all.

Mrs. R. L. Pittman and Family

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The "Why"

The question has come from several, "Why have we had no Notes and Quotes lately?" This is why. I mailed the manuscript for issue of July 31st. When the issue of that date came, no "Notes and Quotes" showed up. Thinking that the manuscript was a little late, or perhaps a surplus copy; the Editor held it over, so I did not prepare manuscript for issue of August the 4th. When issue of August the 4th did not carry any Notes and Quotes, I was sure that something had gone wrong. So I was informed that "No manuscript had shown up at the office." I mailed the manuscript myself. But it seems to be lost. Well, it is all right, perhaps everyone is as well off. But we are here again.

The Ministers' Institute

The Robert Pittman Memorial Institute closed its 1940 session at Davis, North Carolina, Friday evening, August the 16th. It was a most glorious session. The study courses were brought in the most enlightening manner by the teachers. Owing to sickness and death in a family of my friends, I was unable to attend at the beginning; but what I received was greatly enjoyed, and brought to me one of the greatest blessings of late. Praise the Lord for the fellowship of the brethren. The writer had the honor of conducting the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing on Friday afternoon. It was a time of rejoicing. Tears of joy flowed with praises to the Lord; the "Amen's" sounded; preachers embraced each other; well, praise the Lord it was so great that I cannot tell it all. I wish that every minister in the State could have been there, with all the other Free Will Baptist ministers of our nation.

Our Inheritance

Did it ever occur to you my saved

friend that you had an inexhaustible supply of all that you need for time and eternity. A true, twice-born, Spirit-led child of God is an heir to all the riches of God's grace. In Luke 15: 31 Jesus is using the parable of the Elder son and the prodigal, says, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." This is God's ideal for His child. Paul says, "The Spirit Himself, beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" Romans 8: 16, 17.) You may not be able to read your name in print, but if you are born of the Spirit, you may look up and "read your title to mansions in the skies." You may not have a treasure on earth, but you can begin to lay them up "where moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal." Yes, we who are saved are God's and all that God has is ours. Brother, what are you doing with that wealth which God has given, is giving, and going to give? What appropriation are we making? Let us pray.

Getting or Being Gotten

We often hear the term, "He has got the Holy Ghost" or "She has the Holy Ghost" or "They have got the Holy Ghost" etc. Brother the term is all out of place. If it were such a thing that we could get the Holy Ghost we would not know what to do with Him. The church did not get the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. The Holy Ghost got the church—took possession of every believer. When the church was in one place, with one accord, then the Holy Ghost came. The Holy Ghost does the getting—we do the yielding. He never takes possession of us until we yield to Him without any reservations. Our yielding must be complete before He can take complete control. Never use the term, "When I got the Holy Ghost." It is all out of place.

When you get to read these Notes and Quotes, by the will, and by the

grace of my heavenly Father, I shall be in a series of meetings at Wintergreen, near Cove City, N. C. Pray that God will give us some fruit. We often hear it said, "We had a good meeting, but no visible signs." I am at a loss to know how that we can have a good meeting with no visible signs? If we cannot see the fruit how can we know that it is there? Can there be good accomplished without it coming to light? Let us study God's word. Yes, pray that God may give us some "increase." Pray that we may be able to preach Christ—that lifted up Christ, so that the lost will accept Him and proclaim Him as their very Saviour and Lord.

How May I Know That There is a God?

John 1: 14, 18

14 And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father; he hath declared him.

John 14: 9-14

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phillip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believeth thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.

John 20: 29-31

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed.

30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Romans 1: 20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Psalms 19: 1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Isaiah 43: 9, 10

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Hosea 3: 4, 5

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image,

and without an ephod, and without teraphim.

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.

John 8: 47

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not,

because ye are not of God.

May each and everyone that reads this scripture take it to heart and believe there is a God, and accept Jesus in the pardon of sins before it is too late.

Today is the day of Salvation for tomorrow you may die.

Yours in Christ,
Rashie Kennedy,
Pink Hill, N. C.

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Aids, if you have not got your donation in the mail, please do so at once, as the time is drawing near, when Miss Craft will be leaving for college and will need the money. If you can't help, only a small donation, it will be appreciated. "Come on." Let's every aid in the Central Conference help in this worthy cause.

Yours for His service.

Mrs. Joe Barber, *President*

Union Report

The Union meeting of the First District of the Western Association met at Spring Hill Church, Wayne County, on June 29, 1940.

The Devotional Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Clarence Bowen, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Rev. J. W. Alford.

After the opening remarks by the moderator, the minutes of the last session were read and approved. Then Rev. J. W. Alford made a report concerning the Orphanage work. Rev. Rommie Mitchell preached at the 11 o'clock hour and at the close of the services there was an

Everyone Invited

The Selma Free Will Baptist Ladies Aid cordially invites every friend of Rev. J. H. Worley to a picnic supper, Friday August 30, in honor of his birthday to be held at Selma church.

Brother Worley is one of the oldest ministers in our denomination still doing active service. He doesn't pastor churches, but he is still on the firing line for God and I daresay preaches more sermons than some of our younger men. He will be 87 years of age September 1.

Everyone is invited. Come and bring a large picnic basket and share the joys with us. There will be a speaker and special music for the evening's entertainment. The picnic supper will be served at 7:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Clarence Bowen

O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, . . . because we have sinned against thee. Daniel 9: 8.

offering taken for the Orphanage. The amount received was \$12.00.

Afternoon Session

The devotional services were conducted by the moderator and special prayer was offered for Brother R. L. Pittman who was very ill at his home. The following brethren were appointed to serve on the Apportionment committee: S. J. Fulghum, J. W. Rollins and Rommie Mitchell.

Then the list of ministers and churches were called.

The first union district has 23 churches and nineteen were represented. The donations amounted to \$53.50. Sent in by the churches.

There was a motion made and carried to re-elect the same officers of the union meeting with Bro. Hardy Talton as program committee. The Treasurer made his report as follows:

On hand from the last union	_\$32.20
Received today	53.50
Collection for Orphanage	12.00

Total on hand -----\$97.70

Disbursements

Orphanage	-----\$28.00
Disabled ministers	15.00
Stocks in the F. W. B. Press	3.37
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	7.00

Total paid out -----\$58.37
Balance on hand -----39.33

This report was accepted.

By a vote the next union meeting will be held at Union Grove, Wayne County.

Rev. W. R. Williams will preach tomorrow.

By motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to the church at Spring Hill for their kindness in entertaining this union meeting.

By motion the union close until next time in course.

Song by the audience and prayer led by W. G. Pike.

W. R. Williams, *Moderator*,
W. F. Pittman, *Secy.-Treas.*

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Revelation 21: 4, 5.

*Cease, ye pilgrims, cease to mourn,
Press onward to the prize;
Soon the Saviour will return
Triumphant in the skies:
Yet a season, and you know
Happy entrance shall be given;
All your sorrows left below,
And earth exchanged for heaven.*

Announcement

The Free Will Baptist Church of Bellarthur is in a grave condition, since the members have drifted apart, letting the church, get along without any backing whatsoever. It has slowly gone down. It is in need of a restoration, we the faithful, tho few in number, are trying to restore it.

At our last quarterly meeting we elected a new clerk, putting him in office to keep a record of the work we are trying to do.

Starting the First Sunday night in September, we are holding an old-fashioned revival, cleaning out the old church books and starting anew. We are asking all the old members who want their name on the new books to come and openly confess to the church. We are looking forward to having a great meeting, and we humbly ask the prayers of all who read this. We extend an invitation to all who will come and work with us.

Heber Strickland, *Clerk*,
P. C. Wiggs, *Pastor*

Our Saviour

It was Jesus who died on the cross
To atone for all wrong and sin;
It is He who is now filled with joy
When belief and repentance begin.

Up the hill I can see Him struggle
Bearing the "Old Rugged Cross";
Suffering torture and pain, friends,
So that we need not be lost.

For had He not already spoken,
So that Greeks and disciples might see;

Saying, "And I, if I be lifted up
from the earth,
Will draw all men unto me."

He died of a broken heart as well
As of a pierced side;
When His own God and Father for-
sook Him
And ceased with Him to abide.

Can you realize his suffering
As in agonizing tones He cried,

"My God, My God, Why hast Thou
forsaken me?"

And gave up the Ghost and died?

He gave up His life of His own free
will,

And He took it up again.

He sits at the right hand of the
throne of God,

The living Saviour of men.

Can you afford to turn this Saviour
down,

This gift of the God of love?

Will you forfeit a home and crown
In that glorious land above?

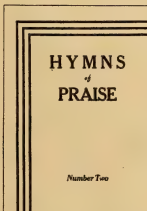
—Mrs. Amy Cowell,
Bayboro, N. C.

To the Lord our God belong mer-
cies and forgiveness, though we have
rebelled against him. Daniel 9: 9.

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

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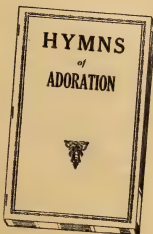
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Praising God for His Blessings

(Lesson for September 1)

Lesson: Psalm 103 and 107.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits*" (Psalm 103: 2).

Let us remember that the Heavenly Father is the only one who can heal our diseases, physical and spiritual. Not all of our sicknesses are of the body. When it comes to those, the very best doctors will tell you that while they enjoy the idea of helping the Heavenly Father, not a one of them can heal any disease. Healing is always Divine. Many Christians are afflicted with diseases of the soul. Perhaps you have heard of selfishness—a very common disease; and of envy—very common; and of jealousy—especially among choir singers; and pride—ministers are often afflicted with this disease in the form of intellectual pride; and of theft—the reason why so many churches have so much trouble with their finances is that the members rob God. It is not often that a Christian is well spiritually, in spite of the fact that so many of them sing, "It Is Well with My Soul." The only way to be cured of all of these diseases is by the Holy Spirit. What is commonly called holiness is the same as wholeness in the sense of good health spiritually speaking.—H. M. H.

D. L. Moody used to say: "You can't remember all His benefits, but don't forget all of them."

I. Lesson High Points

When the disciples came to our Lord and asked Him to teach them to pray, they might have added also to praise. The one is almost as essential for a normal Christian life as

the other. Perhaps more people feel the need of praying than of praising. And certainly we hear more prayers and petitions than we do of praises. There are many calls, issued for seasons of prayer for special ends, but we seldom ever hear of a call for the purpose of praising God or mercies received. The proportion of those who are sensible of blessing received and who return to give thanks and praise has not increased since the ten lepers were cleansed and only one returned to give thanks (Luke 17: 11-19). From this fact it is very evident that the present generation of Christians needs instruction and encouragement in the art of praising God for His mercies and grace. Our lesson is both apt and timely. If we can learn to praise God at suitable times and in an acceptable manner, we shall add greatly to the enlargement and enjoyment of our Christian life.

As a ground for his praise the Psalmist lists six items out of all his benefits. These with one exception, have all to do with his spiritual life. The first is that of forgiveness of sins. When all is said, this is the greatest blessing that any man can receive. The consciousness of sin committed, or righteousness impossible, and of judgment impending, has hung like a pall of death over the consciences of men of all ages and lands. Men have tried to escape from this state. They have tried to deny the fact of sin; they have tried to forget it; they have tried to propitiate their gods by rites and ceremonies; but to no avail; guilt abides still. There is only one place where we can have the blessings of sins forgiven and that is where the volume of praise began. The Christian faith is peculiarly a faith that produces praise and song. The hymnology of the church is proof of this. And the more Scriptural and evangelical a body of people is, the more will praise be an element in their private and public devotions. Take the Blood out of your Theology and you take the song out of your heart.

The second thing the Psalmist mentions in this connection is the healing of all his diseases. Evidently, the diseases are the spiritual maladies of the soul. The Psalmist praises God not only for justification, but for sanctification as well. We are regenerated; and the work of sanctification begins the reconstruction not only forgiven in Christ, we are of a new life (Galatians 2: 19, 20).

The third thing the Psalmist finds as an occasion of praise is God's lovingkindness and tender mercies. These comprehend all His provision for our needs. They are what Paul calls all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ (Eph. 1: 3).

Next the Psalmist speaks about the good things to eat. When a man is in fellowship with God, a crust is a good thing; and when a man is still in his sins, the best and costliest fare may be as apples of Sodom.

The final item is the renewal of his youth. This state awaits the resurrection, when we shall be like Him.

We notice that the Psalmist goes on from praising God for His blessing to praising Him for Himself, for the glory and grace of His character. And he ends His Psalm of praise by asking all creation to join with him. "Bless the Lord, O my soul."—H. M. H.

2. *The Blessings of a New Nature.* — There is utterly nothing about the old nature of man that God can or will accept. It is "corrupt according to the deceitful lusts"; "there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and purifying sores." "Ye must be born again." When, by faith, we receive the Lord Jesus Christ, God gives us a new heart, and a new nature. We then become new creatures "in Christ Jesus," with old things passing away, and with all things becoming new: New desires; new companions; new purposes; and, best of all, a new Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. "Behold, I make all things new." (Read Isaiah 1: 5, 6; Romans 1: 12-18; Luke 5: 15.)—W. B. K.

3. We do not want any of our readers to think that our use of the word sanctification means that we believe it is a second work of grace. We believe the Bible when it says that the application of the Blood begins the work of sanctification. See Hebrews 10: 28-30; 13: 12. Consult our quarterlies for many more helpful truths.

Program

Program for the Sunday School Convention of the Lower South Carolina Conference.

Convention convenes with "Williams Hill" F. W. B. Church Date: August 31, 1940.

9:30—Devotional

9:45—Appointment of Various Committees:—Judges, Finance, Program

Minutes of last meeting.

List of Sunday Schools called

10:00—Programs: Williams Hill

11:00—Georgetown

11:45—New Hope

12:30—Lunch

1:30—Devotional

1:45—New Prospect

2:30—Little Lamb

3:15—Various Reports:—Judges, Finance, Program and Field Worker

3:45—Business Session

4:15—Discussion

4:30—Adjournment.

Now, to many who may be interested: As you will note in the program that all the eight Sunday Schools are not listed, but, it's because they were absent at the last Convention. We have arranged the program in a way that all Sunday Schools present with a program, (and we hope that each church will be) have the time to present it. We would like to have a 100 percent representation this time at Williams Hill. Pray much that the Lord will bless in a miraculous way as already Satan is putting up his fight. Too, let's not let our programs be too long. Pray for me.

Prayerfully submitted,

Mrs. Edna W. Pope,

Secy.-Treas.

Rev. W. L. Moretz III

(Continued from page five)

We desire the prayers of all the Christian people that he may have a speedy recovery.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Willett Moretz

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Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Date	Church	County
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On Sunday, June 2, 1940, the Ladies Aid of Rock of Zion Church sustained a great loss in the death of Sister Mary Rice, who was one of our most loyal supporters and co-workers.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we recognize the faithfulness and loyalty of our dear sister, as she was faithful until death.

Second, That we shall miss the modest unselfish service she rendered in all good works.

Third, That we shall miss her presence and devoted interest in our Aid, and that we cherish her memory always.

Fourth, That we extend our sympathy to the family and a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and a copy be recorded in our minutes.

In His service,

Mrs. Lula R. Lewis,
Grantsboro, N. C.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CATHERINE McLOHON

As the sun was sinking behind the western hills on February 26, 1940, the death angel visited our home, and took from us our beloved mother, Mrs. Catherine McLoHon.

She was born on January 20, 1862, and lived on this earth 78 years, 1 month and 6 days.

She was married to David McLoHon on December 11, 1879, to which there were born thirteen children to this union, eleven boys and two girls, whom she raised to be grown, except one who died while an infant. Her husband, who lived the greater part of her life, died on April 5, 1924.

She was a member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist church, and was a very active church worker until she became feeble and could not attend, but she still liked to talk about her church. She was confined to her bed about eight months before passing away. But she bore her sickness with lots of patience, and was always glad to have her friends come in to see her.

She was loved by all who knew her and so ready to help and serve her friends, and people of her county who always knew her as "Aunt Kat."

All the children miss her, and her home will never be the same, but we would not call her back as we know she has gone to rest. We hope some day to meet her.

She was buried in the Winterville Ceme-

tery. Her funeral was conducted by Revs. Pelt, Woodard and Morris.

I know that mother has gone to a brighter land,

Where the angels play their golden band;

And oh, how we miss her, 'tis more than we can bear,

All around things look so lonely, when we see her rocking chair.

Written by her son,

Herman McLoHon

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We the members of Brices Creek church, Craven County, North Carolina, realize with grief-stricken hearts our great loss in the passing of our dear friend and sister, Mrs. Mary Williams. We cannot understand why our heavenly Father called her from our midst, yet we do not question His divine will, but bow our heads in grateful appreciation that it was our privilege to know her.

We, therefore, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and while our loss is great, we shall always cherish her memory as a shining example of all that was good and true, and that we strive to live up to her standard of a Christian life.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wilbur Herring,
Nancy Caton,
Lillie Ives

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst, one of our members, John Rowe, we the church of Brice's Creek, wish to submit these resolutions as a tribute of our love and respect.

First, We cannot understand why our heavenly Father called him from us, yet we do not question His divine will, but bow in humble submission unto him who doeth all things well.

Second, That we commend his family to our all-wise and ever present Father and urge them to strive to live closer to Him.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and a copy sent to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wilbur Herring,
Nancy Caton,
Lillie Ives

BERRY—On July 12, 1940 the death angel visited the Shoune hospital and took away Dana Jack Berry who was a loving husband, father and brother. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee. He leaves a wife and five children and many friends to mourn their loss.

Sleep on dear Jack, and take your rest,
We loved you much, but God loved you best.

Written by his sister-in-law,

Mrs. W. M. Berry

TYER—Charles Benjamin, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Tyer was born December 12, 1939, and died December 15, 1939, making his stay on earth only four days.

Though doctors and nurses did all they could for him, they could not stay the icy hand of death that came to him in Washington Hospital.

Charles was just a little angel sent to dwell with them a short while.

It was hard to see you go away,

And to know you had to stay;

You left mother and daddy alone,

And entered into that heavenly Home.

Mother and daddy hope to meet you

In that City bright and fair;

When they shall see their darling again,

They'll be forever happy there.

Written by (Miss) Louise Harris,

Greenville, N. C.

Concert Class Report

Alma Broughton, Mgr.

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my boy,

Along the highway of life;

You'll meet with a thousand temptations,

This world is only strife.

This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go;

But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage my boy, to say, No.

—Mrs. Grover Myers.

Report of Concert Glass

Louise Edgerton, Mgr.

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With understanding and affection,
Can dwell in a mansion of joy,
Though their house be very small.

No Fear of the Creditor

Happy is the family
Whose members spend not beyond
their income,
And are not afraid of the sudden
terror
That descends on the first of the
month.

They shall enjoy what they have the
more,
And what they lack will harm
them less,
Than if they had it with uneasiness
of mind
And fear of the frown of the
creditor.

They shall be counted wise in the
evil day,

For more joy can be gained from
a little
Than from much unnecessary stuff
With unpaid bills behind it.

The Rule of Love

Happy is the child
Whose parents guide by love,
And not by authority:

For the parent who is feared
More than he is loved,
Can neither guide nor teach well
But increases rebellion of spirit;

For love rules the heart,
But fear hardens the mind.

Communion with the Infinite

Happy is the family
whose members love quiet places,
As well as those where many gather;

Who know the beauty of the night—
The quiet shining of the stars—
Who love moonlight not less than
lamplight,
And feel the touch of mystery
And lay hold upon the infinite.

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O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn
my glory into shame? how long will ye love
vanity, and seek after leasing [falsehood]?
Ss'-lah.

Fa. 12.2; 31.6, 18; 60.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord;
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent
[come before] thee.

Fa. 5.3; 119.147.

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Ye shall not go unfed!
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The hopes that turned to shame,
The empty life, the thwarted plans;
The good that never came.
Say not, "Thy promise is not mine,
God did not hear me pray;
I prayed—I trusted fully—but
The grave hath barred the way."

God heard thee—He hath not forgot,
Faith shall at length prevail!
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Man's Greatest Question

By A. M. ROBERTS, Alabama City, Alabama

(Continued from last week)

What was the greatest question that was asked by man?

Of what must every person be rid before he can enter Heaven?

"And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life," (Rev. 21: 27).

Nothing that defiles can enter into God's city, and since sin is what defiles, that means we must get rid of every sin before we can be ready for a home in heaven. All who enter heaven will have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, (Rev. 7: 9, 13, 14). Their song will be, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" and "hast redeemed us to God by thy blood" (Rev. 5: 12, 9).

On what conditions does God freely forgive all of our sins? "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28: 13); God forgives us our sins on the three conditions: Repentance, confession, and the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

Repentance means a genuine or godly sorrow for sin, that leads us to turn away from everything that we know is wrong (2 Corinthians 7: 9, 10).

This repentance is produced by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, (John 16: 8); and is thus a free Gift of God, to every soul who receives it, (Acts 5: 31). The Holy Spirit will produce this conviction and repentance in the heart of every one who will yield to his pleading, wooing influence. True repentance will lead us to confess our sins to the Lord and to receive from Him forgiveness for all our sins. This is

how David found forgiveness for his sins. "I acknowledge my sin unto thee and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32: 5).

Our confession to the Lord is to be definite, for we are to acknowledge the very sins and wrongs of which we are guilty, (Lev. 5: 5); and in connection to the Lord, if we are conscious of having wronged others, in words or deeds, we are to go to them in humbleness, confession and ask them to forgive us, (James 5: 16). If we have wronged others by taking money or property that belonged to them, we are to make restitution, by restoring to them that of which we have robbed or defrauded them, (Eze. 33: 15).

What instant change in our condition and standing takes place, when we accept Jesus as our Saviour?

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life" (John 5: 24).

Every person in the world by nature is under the death sentence of God's law because they have sinned (1 John 3: 4; Ezekiel 18: 4).

But Jesus died on the cross as our substitute, and the very moment we receive him as our personal saviour we pass from death unto life,—pass from under the death sentence of God's law to eternal life in Jesus Christ. When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour He becomes our Righteousness, (Jere. 23: 5, 6). Christ's righteousness—His perfect obedience to the law—is imputed to us for our justification. (See Romans 3: 24-26). Our sins are imputed to Him, and His righteousness is imputed to us. Thus by

His obedience we are made righteous and stand before God as though we had not sinned.

"The moment the sinner believes in Christ he stands in the sight of God uncondemned; for the righteousness of Christ is his, Christ's perfect obedience is imputed to him." If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of our character and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned.

How may I know that all my sins are forgiven?

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1: 9).

We are to know that our sins are forgiven by simply complying with these three conditions: repentance, confession, and faith in Jesus as our Saviour. When we comply with these conditions, then we are to rest on His promise that our sins are forgiven, and thank God for pardon full and free.

When we meet the conditions, God always fulfills His promise of pardon. He cannot be untrue to His own promise. Just as surely as we confess our sins, as far as we have knowledge of them, just so surely God forgives our sins. When we bow before God in confession, we should in that same prayer, after we have confessed our sins, thank God that He has forgiven us. If you believe the promise—believe that you are forgiven and cleansed—God supplies the fact; you are made whole. . . . It is so if you believe it.

Do not wait to feel that you are made whole, but say, "I believe it; it is so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised."

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EDITORIAL

Stockholders to Meet

The stockholders of the Press at Anuden will hold their regular annual meeting on September, Thursday 5, 1940. All persons, those who hold stock personally, or who are empowered to represent the stock of churches, union meetings, associations and conferences, are requested to be present on Thursday of next week at ten o'clock in the editor's office.

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The Sunday School and League literature for the Fourth Quarter will be ready for distribution in just a few days. We will greatly appreciate it if the different Sunday

Schools will place their orders in ample time for them to receive their shipments before the first Sunday in October. We do not want any of the schools to fail having their literature on hand for use and distribution to their classes on the First Sunday of the Fourth Quarter. We thank you for your past patronage and will be pleased to serve you in the future.

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We cannot make out The New Church Directory of the names and addresses for the members of the different boards of the National Association until the secretaries furnish us with the new data. As soon as they do, we will then run them in the Baptist.

Flower of Creation

By Rev. Thos. E. Beaman

Youth is looked upon with great delight. While I view, with great pleasure your lively countenance and your active body, I cannot forget the deathless principle within. I cannot view you as a creature merely born to sport like a butterfly in the sunshine of existence. But I must regard you as an immortal being. Therefore, I do not wish to prove the love I have for you by giving you that which will prove useful or ornamental for this life alone.

Inconsiderate persons may talk of the innocence of youth, its pleasing follies, its gay delight, and its thoughtless merriment; but let us turn to the description of God's word for a correct delineation of youth. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22: 15). "Childhood and youth are vanity" (Ec. 11: 10). Does not your own heart bear witness to the truths of these descriptions? You no doubt

have been guilty of deceit and have often given away to evil passions.

Youth is often led to destruction with a garland of flowers. They read what seems to them the primrose paths of life; but underneath those paths are trap doors and many thousand who were once promising youth fall through them while chasing the mirage of life, who alas re-echo from the abyss of misery and woe.

You are on the very verge of danger while perhaps, careless and unconcerned, will you not attend to a friend who will remind you of your exposed situation and tell you where safety alone can be found?

Because you are a sinner you are in a dangerous state, your youth does not exclude you from being a transgressor; for the Scripture has concluded all under sin. (Galatians 3: 22). Do not shut your eyes and say there is no danger. Your own personal conception of this life and the way you live does not alter or change the Divine plan of God.

Harken now to the invitation of your God: "Seek ye the Lord while

he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." (Isaiah 55: 6). "Those who seek me early shall find me." (Proverbs 8: 17) "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. (Ecclesiastes 21: 1). Therefore, it behooves you to resign your soul to Christ in your young and tender years.

In order that we may get some instructions from youth, let us compare it and the spring of the year: Youth is like the spring of the year. As the beauty of the summer, the fruitfulness of autumn, and the support of winter depend upon spring, so the happiness, wisdom and piety of middle and old age depend upon youth. Youth is the seedtime of life. If the farmer does not plow his land and commit the seed to the ground in the spring, it will be too late afterwards. So youth is the time to sow the seed of knowledge and of virtue. Otherwise their future lives will be ignorant, vicious and wretched. If the flowers be not planted and carefully cultivated, nettles and brambles will spring up and choke them; and the mind if not cultivated and stored with useful knowledge, it will become a barren desert, or a thorny wilderness.

As spring is the most important part of the year, so is youth the most important period of life. Surely, God has a claim to the first and principal attention; and Christ, who laid down His life on the cross for them, demands the morning of their days, and the first season,—the spring of their lives. Before they are encumbered by cares, distressed by affection or engaged in business, it becomes them to resign their souls to the care of Christ. Perhaps, they live for many years; then they will be happy in possessing knowledge and piety, and be enabled to do good to others; but if, just as youth is showing its buds the flower should be clipped by the cruel hand of death; oh, how important that it should be transplanted from earth to flourish forever at the foot of the tree of life, and beside the river of life in heaven.

Spring and youth are seasons of

many hopes and fears. With what lively hope and anxious fears does the farmer look at the weather, and the corn he has sown in the spring? The gardener digs his ground, and watches his flowers and fruits with hope and yet with anxiety. On the fruit tree we behold many beautiful blossoms, yet how many will be blown off by the wind? Many will be blighted and perhaps only one or two will produce any good fruit.

My dear young friends, your parents, teachers and pastors look upon you with glowing hope; they trust that you will improve the season of your youth and the instructions you have received, and that in future life will bring forth the fruits of wisdom and holiness. They hope, even if they should never see any fruit on earth, that at the last great day of harvest they shall meet you in heaven, to join in the singing of the praises of God and the lamb together.

Upon spring the expectation of the whole country is fixed, because upon this season its future support depends; and upon youth depends the prosperity, happiness and piety of your native land; therefore, bow to the Saviour's gentle yoke, and learn of Him to be virtuous, wise and religious.

The spring quickly passes away. Whilst visiting the tender buds and blossoming trees and the verdant woods, with all the beauties of the spring, we might be ready to wish that this season would continue always; but, whilst we stay to gaze and admire these scenes, they are fast hastening to their maturity, and they will quickly decay. How much is this like youth! It "Appeareth a little time and then vanishes away." If their life is spared, youth will soon be gone, and old age will speedily arrive. But there is this difference between spring and youth: Spring is always followed by summer, autumn and winter; but youth is sometimes cut off in the midst of life and knows no succeeding season. Surely the transient, fading nature should lead you to seek the grace of Christ and believe on Him as the

Saviour who died for your sins, and rose again for your justification. You should also endeavor to improve your fleeting moments, in acquiring temporal and spiritual knowledge the one to guide them through life, and the other to prepare them for that eternal work towards which every returning season is hastening them.

There is also, a resemblance of youth and the grass and flowers, because both are the workmanship of God. When we take a flower in our hand we immediately perceive a delicacy of structure, and a richness of coloring which no human skill can possibly equal. Likewise our Creator, in His wonderful skill, so constructed the human body until when we think with the right exercise of minds we are led to exclaim, "I am wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works." But when we consider the grand display of Divine workmanship—the immortal soul, here resemblance ceases. This is the only perennial flower; a flower worthy of the creation of an infinite Being, and formed for an unbounded eternity.

Congratulations to Rockingham Church

I have in my possession a letter of May 31, 1940, from Mr. Donald A. McGill, Treasurer of the Entwistle Free Will Baptist church of Rockingham, North Carolina. I find enclosed in this letter a Post Office money order to be used for National Superannuation.

Always when I receive a contribution, no matter how small for this most worthy cause, I am made to feel grateful to the contributor.

But the enclosed money order in this letter is not the most gratifying feature of it. It is the contents of the written message as follows: I quote: "This is to inform you that Entwistle Free Will Baptist church, Rockingham, North Carolina, has adopted a plan whereby one per cent (1 %) of all offerings are to be sent to the Superannuation Board to

help carry on their work. Enclosed you will find Post Office Money order which represents one per cent (1 %) of all offerings for the first quarter of 1940."

I am sure that I speak the sentiments of each Board member when I say that that is a step toward the goal for which we strive. We are happy to announce that this church promises a regular quarterly contribution to this fund from which our needy ministers may receive compensation.

Now I have in my possession a letter of July 29 with an enclosed Post Office Money order stating that the amount covers one per cent (1 %) of all offerings for the second quarter of 1940.

Friends, this proves that they have "*Planned their work and worked their plans.*"

Words fail me when I undertake to express my appreciation to the members and pastor of Entwistle Church for adopting and practicing such a fine plan. Will you not tell your people about this plan and encourage them to follow the example of this church? Not only do I desire to see such success for the National Superannuation work, but for every phase of our work. We need to practice regularly proportionate giving.

Who will be next to catch the inspiration of the Entwistle Church and resolve to use such a plan? May I say to you as I have said before that every contribution received for National Superannuation serves a two-fold purpose; namely, to swell the fund to be used for our aged and dependent ministers, and to encourage the Board "Not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6: 9).

Thanks again to Rockingham Church for their splendid work. May their efforts be crowned with success in His service.

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, *Treas.*

To Adam, paradise was home. To the good among his descendants, home is paradise.—*Hare.*

Man's Greatest Question

(Continued from page three)

How can a person be born again? "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1: 12, 13). You can have a new heart and be born again by receiving Jesus Christ into your heart. As many as receive Him, to them He gives the power to become the sons of God, and they are "born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." When you make a full surrender of yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit immediately creates a new heart within you, and you are born again (1 John 5: 1). "As the sinner, drawn by the power of Christ, approaches the uplifted cross, and prostrates himself before it, there is a new creation. A new creature. A new heart is given him. He becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus." "The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God."

When we come to Christ for salvation we should in the same prayer in which we confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness, also ask Him to give us a new heart. Thus we find that David, when he prayed for God to pardon all his sins and wash him white as snow, also asked the Lord to give him a new, clean heart. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51: 10). God has promised to give us a new heart if we repent and believe. It is His will that we should be born again and have a new, clean heart. So when we pray for this with a penitent, believing heart, our prayer is sure to be answered—God gives us a new heart, and we are born again.

(To be continued)

Program of North Carolina State Association

The following is the program of the North Carolina State Association which will convene with Little Rock Church at Lucama on September 11th and 12th, 1940.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions: Rev. C. B. Thompson
- 9:45—Address of Welcome: Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes
- Response: Rev. Clarence Bowen
- 10:00—Association called to order by the president
- Enrollment of ministers and delegates
- Appointment of committees
- 10:30—Report of the Executive Committee
- 10:45—President's Address: Rev. M. E. Tyson
- 11:00—Congregational singing and special music: Rev. Chester Pelt, *Director*
- 11:15—Introductory Sermon: Rev. C. J. Harris
- 12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions: Rev. S. H. Oakes
- 1:45—Recognition and Response of visitors from other states
- 2:00—Report of National Educational program: Rev. J. R. Bennett
- 2:30—Miscellaneous business period
- 3:00—Adjournment

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Music under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Moye
- 8:15—Opening exercise: Rev. J. C. Moye
- 8:30—Home Mission Sermon: Rev. Henry Melvin

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions: Rev. W. R. Williams
- 9:45—Reading of previous day's session and approval
- 9:50—Reports of Associational Boards
 - Sunday School
 - Foreign Missions
 - Orphanage
 - Superannuation
 - Church Extension
 - Home Missions
 - Board of Finance
 - Board of Audit
- 11:30—Associational Sermon: Rev. Chester Pelt
- 12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions: Rev. M. L. Baxley
- 1:45—Reports of Associational Boards (continued)
- 2:00—Treasurer's Report
- 2:15—Reports of Committees
- 2:30—Appointment of Delegates to the various bodies
- 2:45—Election of officers
- Adjournment

Rev. J. W. Alford,
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Report of National Sunday School Board

Paintsville, Kentucky,

July 17, 1940

We, the members of the National Sunday School Board, respectfully submit the following report and recommendations:

During the past year the members of the Board have made an extensive study of the condition of our Sunday School work. A number of articles, in the interest of Sunday Schools and their work, have been prepared and published in our church papers. Through this medium, the Board has introduced to hundreds of ministers and lay-workers plans for the unification of systems and the co-ordination of efforts of our Sunday schools and Sunday school workers everywhere.

We recommend the adoption of the following Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday schools:

THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY for FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Section One

LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

1. *Church Control* — The Sunday school is the teaching department of the church. The church shall elect all officers and teachers; the school shall make written monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury.

2. *Soul Salvation* — The pastor, superintendent, and every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Teachers shall feel and realize that their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ. The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly.

3. *Free Will Baptist Literature* — The Sunday School shall use F. W. Baptist literature throughout. All Scripture references used in the literature shall be taken from the King James Version of the Bible. If the school finds that the Free Will Baptist literature does not meet every need, the matter should be referred to the Director of Literature of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

4. *Records and Reports* — The standard school shall use the Six Point Record System. Reports shall be made on report blanks provided by the Director of Records and Reports of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

5. *Enrollment and Grading* — The enrollment of the school shall equal at least eighty (80) per cent of the resident church membership, exclusive of the Cradle Roll and Extension departments.

The school shall be graded as follows: Cradle Roll, birth to 3 years; Beginners, 4-5 years; Primaries, 6-8 years; Juniors, 9-12 years; Intermediate, 13-16 years; Young People, 17-24 years; Adults, 25 years and over.

The first Sunday in October of each year shall be observed as Promotion Day, when all Sunday schools affiliated with the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention shall promote all pupils eligible for promotion.

6. *Housing* — Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors shall have separate quarters. This may be done by use of walls, portable screens, or curtains. At least fifty (50) per cent of the remaining classes or departments shall have class-rooms provided in the same manner as for the Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors.

7. *Use of Bibles* — Eighty (80) per cent of pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primary class or department, shall use their Bibles in the school. The King James Version is recognized as the Standard Bible for use in all Sunday Schools of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

8. *Preaching Attendance* — Eighty (80) per cent of the pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primaries, shall attend the preaching service.

9. *Officers and Teachers* — All officers and teachers shall be Christians whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach.

The school shall maintain a monthly officers' and teachers' meeting attended by at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers shall hold Sunday School Training Institute diplomas for having completed the course of at least one Teachers' and Officers' Training Institute during the year.

The school shall conduct or attend at least one Teacher's and Officers' Training Institute each year.

10. *Denominational Enterprises* — The Standard Sunday School shall actively promote and support the following Free Will Baptist denominational works: Mission, Home and Foreign; Education; and benevolent projects. The school shall carry on this work in connection with the program as arranged by the Director of Denominational Enterprises of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention and shall as a school contribute each year to these worthy causes.

Section Two

ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The school shall be a member in good standing in its District Sunday School Convention.

The school, through its District Convention, shall be a composite part of the State Sunday School Convention. If there is no District or State Convention in which the standard school may place its membership, it should co-operate with the Director of Organization of the

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Historical Sketch of Little Rock Church

By Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes

Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church was organized May 15, 1871 in Cross Roads Township near the town of Lucama, in Wilson County, North Carolina, at the place known as the Clarice Barnes' School House.

Elder Daniel Davis and Joseph Sauls with the assistance of Jesse Rose (deacon of Union Grove Church) organized Little Rock with the following Charter members:

Milley Daniel, Elizeah Woodard, Elizabeth Lucas, Mary Atkinson and Quilley Moore.

Elder Daniel Davis was called as pastor and served for years with Eldes R. H. Holland, Joseph Sauls, J. D. Pate, R. W. Perkins, William Bryant and Elder P. T. Lucas as Assistants, during those years.

The following people took membership with the church during the year, Molly Ferrell, Joanna Godwin, Larry Lucas (who later became a great benefactor of the church) Quilley Moore, Pus Lamm, Salley Newsome, Simon Newsome and William Woodard.

By a motion of the church, it was decided to hold the communion services in the fore-part of the afternoon immediately after services on Saturday.

By motion, we hold our quarterly meetings on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1871 with quarterly meetings to be held in August, November, February and May. This was later changed to September, December, March, and June.

Amos Atkinson was appointed a deacon and Simon Newsome, clerk. He remained as clerk until 1879 when J. W. Godwin was appointed clerk.

In 1882, Amos Atkinson was appointed Treasurer and at that time a resolution was passed that all male members pay 25c each quarter for the expenditures of the Church.

In 1883, Bennett Campbell was appointed deacon, James Newsome appointed clerk, and P. T. Lucas and

J. H. Lucas trustees for the church.

In 1885, a building committee was appointed consisting of the following: Amos Atkinson, Bennett Campbell, and James Newsome. There is no record in the minutes as to when the present building was begun, but in the minutes of May, 1887, there is a notation that "we complete the building of the church by the yearly meeting in August 1887. Timber was donated by various members and Polly Newsome gave the timber for the seats.

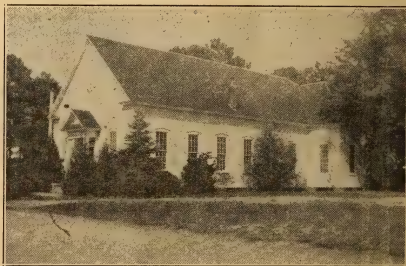
made clerk of the church and served for many years.

In 1900, Eli Godwin and W. G. Raper were appointed deacons.

In 1901, Elder L. T. Phillips became pastor of the church and served for 8 years.

In 1906, Brother W. G. Raper resigned as deacon and trustee, and Brother L. D. Johnson and Willis Holland were appointed as deacons in his place. Brother James was made a trustee of the church.

In the first part of 1908, Elder G.



Little Rock F. W. B. Church

After serving as assistant pastor for four years, Elder P. T. Lucas became pastor of the church for two years.

This completes the record in the first book. The second book lists Elder Daniel Davis as pastor for the year 1897 with J. D. Boyette as clerk. The records are more complete but are concerned mostly with general reports, committees appointed to Union meetings, reports on delinquent members, departing from the faith and excommunication of various members.

In September 1897, Elder J. H. Worley was called to pastor the church and served for two years. During the year 1898, Henry Atkinson, W. G. Raper and J. K. Ruffin were appointed Trustees of the church. In this same year, the church ordained a licentiate to preach, Brother J. K. Ruffin.

In 1899, Eld. C. R. Pierce, pastor and Brother George Johnson was

W. Davis was pastor and Elder Robert Strickland the latter part.

In 1909 Brother G. W. Ferrell was called to pastor the church and served for 4 years.

In 1912 J. R. McCaskey pastored the church. He was also pastor in 1913. At this time the church was painted at a cost of \$152.00. The organ was repaired and song books purchased.

In December, 1914. Rev. R. F. Pittman was called to pastor the church and served in that capacity until 1918, when Brother S. H. Styon took over the pastorate. During this time Brother George D. Johnson asked to be relieved as clerk and L. A. Renfrow was appointed. He served until 1921 when Mr. Harvey Pittman, (brother of Rev. R. F. Pittman) was elected and has been acting in that capacity for the past 20 years.

In 1916 J. H. Lucas died leaving the church some property located in

the town of Lucama. This was sold for \$1,000 in 1920 and the money placed in the bank on interest. Bro. Wiley Lamm was appointed Trustee to serve in the place of Brother Frank Pittman.



Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes

In 1922 Brother Harvey Pittman was appointed deacon. Brother W. W. Skellet was granted license to preach and Rev. R. F. Pittman was chosen as pastor for the ensuing year. Brother E. T. Lucas (brother of Eld. P. T. Lucas) was also granted license to preach in the same year.

In 1923 Rev. R. F. Pittman served as pastor. James A. Evans was granted license to preach. Then Rev. S. H. Styron was called to fill the pulpit. Dick Ward was granted license to preach.

In 1927 a Finance and Building Committee was appointed and began work immediately in enlarging the main church auditorium and adding a good sized educational plant which consists of several large Sunday School Class rooms. Most of the standing timber was contributed by individuals and time, labor and money by others. The remainder was financed by a loan over a period of years. The Philathea Class purchased an unusually fine piano for the main auditorium and also put electricity and chandeliers throughout the building. The Ladies Aid pur-

chased a stove and book racks for the seats.

With the completion of the building program Rev. C. M. Johnson was called to pastor the church; he served until 1929 when Rev. S. H. Styron was recalled to the pastorate. He served the church faithfully until 1936. In this year the assessment plan was adopted, but no stipulation was made as to how much each member should pay. It was later decided to call it the pledge system. Each member being asked to pledge a definite amount at their own suggestion toward the budget for the year. Although the church has not responded as a whole, the system is a splendid one and proving its worth each year.

In 1936 Rev. R. N. Hinnant was called as pastor serving in that capacity until the fall of 1939. Many improvements were added during the years, '38 and '39. A building and repair committee consisting of Jack A. Barnes, Wade Davis and Mr. Peele were appointed and the following improvements were made: the church repainted inside and out; new frosted windows installed, walls repainted, floors scraped and waxed, seats painted, new carpet, tracking, choir rail, draperies, a new stove, Sunday School floors and walls refinished in the amount of over \$1200. All indebtedness has been cleared on the church.

The church is planning to continue its beautification program this winter by landscaping the grounds. The Young People's Auxiliaries have already begun a part of this project by building an out-door fire-place and seats underneath the stately pines on the grounds.

The present pastor Rev. M. E. Tyson began his pastorate in 1939 and is serving us faithfully.

The present church officials are:

Pastor, Rev. M. E. Tyson.

Secretary, H. S. Pittman.

Treasurer, Walter Blaylock.

Deacons, B. R. Raper, Frank Hill, J. R. Peel, H. S. Pittman.

Ruling Elders, Wade Davis, J. M. Walker, Orville Raper.

Trustees, Jack A. Barnes, W. A. Davis, Frank Barnes.

Choir Director, Georgie Frost Barnes.

Sunday School Superintendent, Barney Raper.

Church Organizations, Missionary Society, L. A. Society, Jr. Philathea, Jr. Baraca's, Sr. Baraca's, Sr. Philathea's, Young People's Leagues.

The pastor and church are proud to have the State Association with us this year and we are anxious to make it pleasant for all.

Report of Concert Class

Louise Edgerton, Mgr.

Fifth Week

Sweet Gum Grove	\$35.00
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Notice

All aids of the Eastern District please send me the report of all that your society has done for the orphanage for the last six months so I may get it in my report for our Auxiliary Meeting in September.

Mrs. J. W. Overman,
New Bern, N. C.

Class Itinerary

Mon., Sept. 2	Little Rock	Wilson
Tues., Sept. 3	Friendship	Johnston
Wed., Sept. 4	St. Mary	Wilson
Thurs., Sept. 5	Milbourn	Wilson
Fri., Sept. 6	New Sandy Hill	Wilson
Sat., Sept. 7	Mt. Zion	Wilson
Mon., Sept. 9	Marsh Swamp	Wilson
Tues., Sept. 10	Stony Hill	Nash
Wed., Sept. 11	Rock Spring	Nash
Thurs., Sept. 12	Flood's Chapel	Nash
Fri., Sept. 13	Tippett's Chapel	Wake
Sat., Sept. 14	Everett's Chapel	Johnston
Mon., Sept. 16	Hugo	Lenoir
Tues., Sept. 17	Walnut Creek	Wayne
Thurs., Sept. 19	Elizabeth City Pasquotank	
Fri., Sept. 20	Hickory Chapel	Hertford
Sat., Sept. 21	Dawson's Grove	Halifax

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Sowing and Reaping

Headlines in the News: "Trotsky Dies in Mexico." Trotsky killed the Czars and made himself a ruler of Russia. Then Joseph Stalin got to be greater than Trotsky; and therefore, Trotsky had to go into exile, to save his head, but the old gang was after him. He "reaped what he sowed." "He that liveth by the sword, shall die by the sword" said our Christ. Billy Sunday said, "The chickens will come home to roost."

Criticisms

Criticisms are classified as "Constructive" and "Destructive." We hear much more of the latter than of the former. Almost any man has enough sense to give destructive criticism. A few men can give constructive criticism. Usually, destructive criticisms come from opponents in politics, social organizations, religious activities, etc. One who opposes another can send forth loads of destructive criticism. Many of us are of such a nature that, if there is a part of a thing that we do not like, we would destroy the whole thing to get out that that is wrong. We do it often by criticism. I have known young converts in our churches to be criticised by older persons until the young person was so discouraged that he sat down on his job. Some people cannot stand criticism. Others it helps, but these are few.

Our Faults

We often find "fault-pedlers." When you go into their homes they begin to tell you of the faults of every member of the church. They tell you all about their "in-laws" and

sometimes about their "out-laws." They can tell who is to blame for the failure of the Sunday School. The faults of the former pastor; and often of the present pastor. The shortcomings of others are all that they see.

There is a way to discuss the faults of others and at the same time it can be done in a godly way, without injury to the offender. We should always seek to go God's way. The way that our CHRIST taught. My father who is now with the Lord, used to say, "If you cannot say anything good about a fellow, say nothing unless you are forced to." What he meant was, if it comes to a showdown "tell the truth."

Christ Tells How to Deal with the Faulty Brother

"Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church, but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican" (Matthew 18: 15-17). This would nip a lot of trouble in the bud, as the old adage goes.

Divisions

Often divisions are brought about by a misunderstanding. Sometimes by the "tattling" of others the friendship of dear ones are broken; and even homes are broken up by the "unruly member" of our bodies, that tongue that is "set on the fire of hell." One day a man said to me, "I want to tell you something" and I consented to listen. Then he said, calling the name of a friend, "you got a dirty deal," and went on to ex-

plain how, I was unjustly treated, and I was angry. I took his word. I lost confidence in one of my trusted friends. For sometime I would have nothing to do with him. He learned of my attitude towards him. He resented it to others. Our friendship was broken, and we both believers in Christ. What a mess. Well, thank the Lord we were both brought to our senses. Today we are brethren. This learned me a lesson. Let others do as they may. "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The Devil makes it his business to break friendship, divide families, split up churches—destroy everything that is good. He often does it through the tongues of men and women. We should be careful.

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Report of National Sunday School Board

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National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention in an effort to organize a District and a State Convention.

The school, through its District and State Convention, shall be actively engaged in the work of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The school shall support the program of work as outlined by the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

We recommend that a National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention be organized during this session of the National Association.

We recommend that the National Sunday School Board serve as a nominating Committee in the election of the officers for the National Sunday School Convention. The officers to be elected are as follows: President, V-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Organization, Director of Denominational Enterprises, Director of Literature, Director of Records and Reports, and Director of Publicity.

We recommend that the National Sunday School Convention meet annually on Monday of the week of the National Association.

We recommend that the officers of the National Sunday School Convention be empowered to outline and present the plan of work of the Convention for the ensuing year.

W. E. Coville, *Chairman*,
L. E. Duncan,
Rev. L. H. Wetherington,
Proxy for Rev. R. P. Harris,
Rev. William Reeves,
Proxy for Rev. Paul Purcell
Clyde Goen
Proxy for Rev. Aston Pegues

*Jesus, my great High-priest,
Offered his blood and died:
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside:
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.*

Home-Coming Celebration

There will be a home-coming day celebration at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church on the first Sunday in September.

All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend this occasion. Lunch will be served on the church lawn at the noon hour. A short service will be given in the afternoon.

N. Bruce Barrow, Pastor

Home-Coming at Robert's Grove

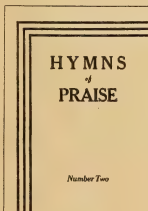
Robert's Grove Church in Sampson County will observe its home-coming on First Sunday in September. All former pastors are requested to attend. There will be a picnic dinner served on the church lawn.

Rev. M. E. Godwin, Pastor

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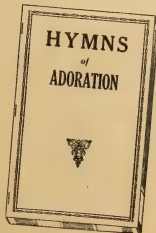
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Inviting Others to Worship God

(Lesson for September 8)

Lesson: Psalm 96: 1-13.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together"* (Ps. 34:3).

"Let those refuse to sing,

Who never knew our God;

But children of the Heavenly King
May seek their joys abroad."

Occasionally we hear folks say that they can worship God without assembling together. One who has spent much time in the study of worship, and especially worship materials, has made this discovery: "Group worship is far more effective than private worship. . . . Very few people who do not go to public worship have habits of private worship. . . . Our personal religious habits are vitalized by our common worship." It all comes to this, that, as soon as there is life from above, there is a willingness to worship. Such worship is best done together and then it can be more easily done alone.

But how can we increase the number of worshipers? The verse says, "O magnify the Lord with me" and that is an invitation to those who are not magnifying the Lord to do it. Their first response is, "I cannot," and some of them would even go so far as to say, "I will not." Let us remember that salvation is for the ungodly; the Lord Jesus died for them (Romans 5: 6) and God justifies them (4: 5). You have read of the spread of the Christian faith in the first three centuries of our era; that was due not to oratory nor to open-air preaching, but to living.—H. M. H.

"Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,

Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless
praise."

I. Practical Points

1. The joy of a redeemed soul finds natural expression in a song of praise (Psalm 96: 1, 2).

2. The experience of redemption puts us under obligation to testify concerning it (vs. 3).

3. The greatness of Jehovah is in striking contrast with the handmade gods of the heathen (vs. 4).

4. The creative power of Jehovah emphasizes the impotence of all man-made idols (vs. 5).

5. The surroundings of Jehovah are a reflection of His beauty and glory (vs. 6).

6. The oral character and the almighty power of Jehovah demand the worship of all people (vss. 7, 8).

7. The act of worship may be accomplished by the bringing of an offering unto the Lord (vs. 8).

8. The acceptance of our worship depends upon the spirit in which it is brought (vs. 9).

9. The reign of Jehovah will bring perfect righteousness to the government of the world (vs. 10).

10. The Kingdom of the Messiah will bring untold blessings to the groaning creation (vss. 11-13).

11. In our quarterlies you will find many truths of priceless value. Read them and pray over them. Also find time to read Psalm 148.

II. Illustrations

PRAYER—A CONSTANT PRIVILEGE—

In the vestibule of St. Peter's, at Rome, is a doorway which is walled up and marked with a cross. It is opened but four times in a century; on Christmas-eve, once in twenty-five years, the Pope approaches it in princely state, with the retinue of cardinals in attendance, and begins the demolition of the door by striking it thrice with a silver hammer. When the passage is opened the mul-

titude pass into the nave of the cathedral, and up to the altar by an avenue which the majority of them never entered thus before, and never will enter thus again. Imagine that the way to the throne of grace were like the Porta Santa, inaccessible save once in a quarter of a century, on the 25th of December! With what solicitude we should wait for the coming of the holy day!—*Clerical Library.*

MAKING HEART MELODY—

There is a story of some monks in France who were beloved for their loving sympathy and kind deeds; but not one of them could sing. Try as they would, the music in their services was a failure, and it became a great grief to them that only in their hearts could they make "melody . . . to the Lord." One day, a traveling monk, a great singer, asked for entertainment. Great was their joy, for now they could have him sing for their services, and they planned to keep him with them always. But that night an angel came to the abbot in a dream. "Why was there no music in your chapel tonight? We always listen for the beautiful music that rises in your services." "You must be mistaken!" cried the abbot. "Usually we have no music worth hearing; but to-night we had a trained singer with a wonderful voice, and he sang the service for us. For the first time in all these years our music was beautiful." The angel smiled. "And yet up in Heaven we heard nothing," he said softly.—*The Youth's Companion.*

THE COMING KING—

Dean Farrar was a privileged personal friend of Queen Victoria, though he seldom referred to the distinction. But on the first anniversary of the accession of Edward VII to the throne of England, during the service in Canterbury Cathedral, he told how the Queen, after hearing one of her chaplains preach at Windsor on the Second Coming of Christ, spoke to the Dean about it and said, "Oh, how I wish that the Lord would come during my lifetime." "Why

does your Majesty feel this earnest desire?" asked the great preacher. With her queenly countenance lit up with emotion, she replied: "Because I should so love to lay my crown at His feet."—*Light and Life Quarterly*

Program

The State League Convention of the Free Will Baptist Young People of Arkansas will convene at Walnut Grove Church in Pope County on Wednesday evening, October 2, 1940.

Evening Session

- 7:00—Introduction of State Officials, by W. A. Hearron
- 7:15—A program, by local league
- 7:30—Sermon, by Rev. Charles Staten
- Announcements by League President

Thursday Morning

- 9:00—Devotions, by Beatrice Smith of New Hope
- Prayer by J. D. Doyle
- Topic: The Meaning of Stewardship, by Gene Davis, Reyno, Arkansas
- 9:30—Topic: Approved Stewardship, by Gladys Smith
- Quartette
- Reading, by Ruthie Mae Taylor
- 9:45—Stewardship of Life, by Cecil Garrison
- 10:00—Stewardship of Service, by Elsie Lawless
- 10:15—Stewardship of Possession, by Clara Hearron
- 10:30—Three Results of Stewardship:
 - First, Banishes Poverty
 - Second, Gives Aid to the Church
 - Third, Gives Proper Balance to the Christian, Mrs. C. E. Wilson
- 10:45—Tithing, by Mrs. Edith Brooks Collins
- 11:00—Sermon: Defense of the Truth, by Rev. Ralph Staten

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Singing
 - The election of officers
 - Business Period
 - Discussions

[N. B.—Each local league is to send one dollar to L. D. Shelton, Rye, Arkansas.]

Mrs. W. A. Hearron

Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Date	Church	County
Fri., August 23	Kenly	Johnston
Sat., August 24	Micro	Johnston
Mon., Aug. 26	Pleasant Plain	Johnston
Tues., Aug. 27	Holly Springs	Johnston
Wed., Aug. 28	Branch Chapel	Johnston
Thur., August 29	Selma	Johnston
Fri., August 30	Piney Grove	Johnston
Sat., Aug. 31	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston

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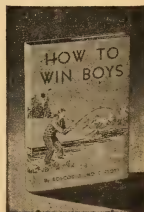
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IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of Mrs. Erce-line Willis who died on March 29, 1940.

In Davis near the sea side,

A godly woman lived;

Her life was hid in Christ

And service she did give.

Truly we can say of her,

"She hath done what she could";

To relieve the poor and suffering

By always doing good.

Our hearts were heavy when she left us,

The burden hard to bear;

But Jesus who never makes a mistake,

Has placed the burden there.

Seventy-nine years she lived here,

Our love and joy to share;

But one day she heard the call,

And moved over there.

Over there with Jesus and loved ones,

She's safe on heaven's bright shore;

Her work here is finished,

And she will not work with us anymore.

Aunt Erceline lived a faithful life,

She gladly answered God's call;

A crown of bright jewels awaits her

In heaven greater than any on earth
befall.

Rev. W. B. Anderson of Morehead City, and Rev. E. G. Willis conducted her funeral in the church where she was faithful and true. There were present Tommie, Fred, Van, Lottie, Sabra, Lessie and friends by the score to witness the last words said over her. Her trials are all over, and she is sweetly sleeping with her loved ones on the other shore.

Written by a friend,

Mrs. Stella Styron,
Davis, N. C.

Notice

This is to inform the readers of the Baptist that we have not received copies of the Treatise from the publishers yet, but will run a notice in the paper as soon as we receive copies for distribution.

Business Manager

Boys and Girls Corner

Washington's Prayer

One cold winter day long ago, when our country was struggling in the great Revolutionary War, General George Washington was very sad. People were finding fault with the way he was managing the army, and some of the rich men who ought to have been willing to help him were very selfish with their money, so that his brave soldiers had not food enough to eat or clothing to keep them warm. They even walked barefooted in the snow. General Washington had a fine home where he might have been warm and comfortable, but he would not leave his faithful army.

It was a sad, weary time, and a man less brave than George Washington would have given up, but he loved his country and was willing to give the best of everything that he had for it.

On this cold day a man was passing along through the woods, when he heard a voice speaking softly. Leaving the path, he walked over to a place where he could see through the trees, and there on the dead grass knelt the tall General Washington, the greatest man in America, praying.

Softly the man crept away, and soon he was telling others what he had seen in the forest.—*The Sunbeam*.

Romans 8: 31: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

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The Sleepy Man

Nurse says the sleepy man

Is coming—let us run,

And watch him through the keyhole;

'Twill be such glorious fun.

So they softly crept to the playroom,

Little Ted and blue-eyed Nan—

And waited long and patiently

To see the sleepy man.

At last it came their bedtime,
And nurse looked all around
For Baby Nan and Little Ted,
But neither could be found.

So then she sought the playroom,
And lo, behind the door,
The sleepy man had caught them
both

And laid them on the floor.

—Selected

Just Remember

God knows your every heart beat
And every pain you bear;
If friends by chance forget you
Remember, he does care.

He knows when days are dreary
And your plans have fallen thru;
With a world that's dark before you
Just remember, he cares too.

He grieves along beside you
Tho His face you cannot see;
When your heart feels though it's
breaking
Remember, He cares for thee.

God knows your saddest hour
How much that you can bear;
And if the load seems too heavy
Just remember, he cares.

He waits at every sunset
When a weary day is done;
With a love that's more than charm-
ing
From a father to his son.

God knows when you're mistreated
And your soul is grieved unfair;
He holds within his keeping revenge,
For he does care.

—R. L. Cannady

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it, at alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.
Luke 13 7-9.

Revival at Brilliant, Ala.

Dear Baptist Readers:

We have had a wonderful meeting at Brilliant, Alabama. Brother J. R. Bennett of North Carolina began our revival on July 30, and the last service was held on Sunday night, August 11. Brother A. J. Lambert, our pastor, was with us during the first week of the meeting, but he left to begin another meeting.

Brother Bennett, with the assistance of many praying people, and the aid of a good choir, was fully able to carry on in the name of Jesus. We are thankful that Brother Bennett was allowed to come our way, for we feel that he has been a great help to our church in making it stronger for Jesus. He is an uncompromising factor against sin and the Devil.

We hope that he may some day be with us in another meeting. Although people had been responding greatly at almost every service, on Sunday the last day, Brother Bennett seemed to be almost overcome to preach. He said, "I think I have about fought my limit, and I feel that it is now time to stand still, and see the glory of the Lord."

After the touching sermon, he made an altar call, and many more came, confessing Jesus, and joined the church. Thirty-five were added with twenty-one for baptism. On Sunday afternoon Brother Bennett did the baptizing. It was a lovely scene. At the Sunday night services much wonderful advice was given to both the old and the new members. Then we had the communion services.

The church was filled to overflowing and many partook of the Lord's Supper. Fifty-six took part in the humble service of washing the Saints' feet. We feel that our church has been greatly built up because of this revival.

Our Sunday School had many members last Sunday. We covet your prayers that we may grow in the Spirit of the Lord.

Mrs. James Pugh,
Brilliant, Alabama

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And the old tones thrill with the memory still,
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As my part in the reading I took;
I remember the grace of my mother's face,
And the tenderness of her look;
And I know that gracious memory
Cast its light on that face so fair,
As her cheek flushed faint—O mother, my saint!—
At my father's voice in prayer.

'Neath the stress of that marvelous pleading
All childish dissensions died;
Each rebellious will sank conquered and still
In a passion of love and pride.
Ah, the years have held dear voices,
And melodies tender and rare,
But tenderest seems the voice of my dreams—
My father's voice in prayer.

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ber. He would be glad to have an-
other church in North Carolina fol-
lowing this one for a meeting. Any
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vices may write him immediately.

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Man's Greatest Question

By A. M. ROBERTS, Alabama City, Alabama

(Continued from last week)

What was the greatest question ever asked by man?

How can I know that I have been truly converted and born again?

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5: 17).

We might paraphrase the thought of this text in these words: If any man will receive Christ into his heart, he becomes a new creature; the old habits of sin are passed away, and he lives in newness of life unto God.

A change of heart through the New Birth will always produce a changed life. So the supreme proof of the changed heart is the changed life. The old habits of sin have passed away, and we live in newness of life unto God. The things that we once did not care for, such as reading the Bible, going to church, praying, working for other souls, we now love; and the worldly things we once loved, we now do not care for.

The unfailing evidence as to whether we have put off the old man of sin, and put on the new man will be seen in a complete turning away from our former sinful ways, to walk in the ways of God, (Ephesians 4: 22-32; Colossians 3: 9, 10).

Another sure evidence of a change of heart will be the desire and purpose of the heart to do just what God commands us to do. The language of a renewed heart will ever be: "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40: 8). If the chief desire of your heart today is to do just what God wants you to do, then you may know that you have a new heart and have been converted, or born again.

Why does God give us a new heart? "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people and I will be their God" (Ezekiel 11: 19, 20).

How can I live a true Christian life? "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2: 20). There is only one way that you or I or any other person can live a Christian life, and that is by permitting Jesus Christ to live His life in us by the Holy Spirit. Living a Christian life is being so surrendered to Jesus that he can live His life in us each day.

After you receive that new heart, Jesus is to live in your heart every day working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight. Jesus never fails to fulfill His promise. If you will open the door of your heart to Him each day by surrendering your will to Him, He will live in you constantly. He declares, "If any man . . . open the door, I will come in to him" (Rev. 3: 20).

Your part is to abide in Him by constant surrender, by daily consecration, prayer, and feeding on His word. Then day by day Jesus will abide in your renewed heart, and live in you a life of obedience to all of God's precepts. This is the only way we can ever obey God's commandments. Thus we are saved by Christ's righteousness. By faith His righteousness is imputed to cover our sins of the past, then day by day

His righteousness is imparted by His indwelling presence to save us from sin.

How will we live when Jesus is abiding in us?

"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him" (1 John 2: 3, 4). The way of the Christian life was set for us by Jesus Christ himself (1 Peter 2: 21). The footprints that Jesus set for us to follow in His life here on earth lead unvaryingly along the way of God's commandments, Turn to Exodus 20, and read the commandments, one at a time, and before God, ask yourself the question which one may I transgress and still be following in the footsteps of my blessed Master who did no sin? Your decision will determine your future destiny. One who has been converted cannot wilfully break any of the Ten Commandments and still be a child of God, when we have Jesus in our hearts, we will walk as he walked, (1 John 2: 6). Christ has not changed. Therefore, when He lives in us today, the life we live will be a life of obedience to the commandments, as when He lived here over 1900 years ago. This means that a Christian will not worship idols, make graven images for worship, swear, do any secular or unnecessary work on the sabbath, dishonor parents, kill, commit adultery, steal, lie, covet, be unmerciful, hold impure thoughts, hate an individual, be unforgiving, be proud, leave unpaid his just debts, neither gossip, be spiteful, be sensitive to wrongs committed against him by others, unkind to the needs of the poor, but will love his neighbor even as him-

(Continued on page fifteen)

EDITORIAL

Types of Hearers

The disciples asked Jesus, saying, "What might this parable be?" What meaning does it hold for the Jewish people? They knew that Jesus meant to teach some lesson from this concrete illustration, but what was to be the application of this teaching to the things pertaining to the kingdom? To this question Christ readily replied, "The seed is the word of God." As the grain is to be planted in the soil to bring forth an harvest, in due season, so God's Word is to be planted into the hearts of men to bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

In this parable the natural seed, as a grain of wheat, barley, rye or corn, contains the dormant life germ which, when placed under favorable conditions in the soil, will germinate and grow into fruition. God's Word, in a figure let us reason, contains the life power of spiritual fruit. It is true that the seed in the natural world can only be brought forth by divine power. The sower of the natural seed did not create them. They were given to him by the divine Creator. In the spiritual realm the same is true. The seed, The Word of God, is given as a divine revelation from God to the heart of man.

The wayside soil is representative of those individuals who hear the Word of God, but the Devil has taken away the Word out of their hearts. Here we have a condition of the soil (the heart of man) which is not in the proper mode or condition to enfold, grasp and keep, the Word of God. There is nothing wrong with the seed. The trouble here is it could not properly enter the soil, the soul of man, because of hardness of heart or indifference to its influence and power. Therefore, not being deeply embedded in the heart, but, on the other

hand lying exposed to external influences, it was an easy matter for the fowls of the air, sin and Satan, to snatch away the Word of God. It is the fact that the hardened heart of man does not furnish a ready and effective means by which the Word of God may enter and bear good fruit. Thus it is seen that it is an opportunity for Satan to intervene and prevent the Word from becoming embedded in the life of this class of people. What they hear of the Word lies on the surface of the mind, as the seed sown on the wayside lies exposed upon the ground. So, having no depth of purpose or love for receiving the Word of God, this class of people do not retain the teachings of the Gospel, nor bear fruit for the kingdom of righteousness.

In the third case of the seed, the Word of God, it entered the heart but the mind was preoccupied with certain things of this life. As a result the seed was deprived of freedom of growth. It was choked, hindered from free course of maturity and fruit-bearing of any appreciable value. This type represents the class of people, when they have heard the Word, go forth but "are choked with cares, and riches and pleasures of this life." The Word of God is prevented from becoming fruitful in those lives which are preoccupied with the cares and pleasures of this world. Is it not true that many go to church on Sunday, hear a good sermon and are impressed with its message to them, but because of their minds being preoccupied with the cares of this life, the good thoughts of the message are choked out? Worldly pleasures, riches and the cares of this life readily direct the interests of this class of people into worldly channels.

But the good ground, the produc-

tive soil, is representative of the class who, "in an honest and good heart," hear the word and keep it.

In this fourth case, the soil is conducive of the fruit-bearing. In this case the conditions were right. The hardened, stony and thorny soils can be made right too, but they will be made right only when the soil is so conditioned that as the seed enters it is given sufficient depth and rootage for the permanent growth and fruitfulness.

There have been, for example, hard-hearted individuals whose lives have been broken up, and they have yielded to the power of God, and have borne fruit. There have been others who had a stony heart, but they received the word and have borne some good fruit. Moreover, there have been still others who once were choked with the "cares, and riches and pleasures of this life," but yielded to the implanted Word, and lived lives of service to God. Conditions were made right in their hearts to enable them to live the Christ-like life.

Opportunities

So many people have asked the needs of the Orphanage, we have, after discussing with Mrs. Henry Melvin, struck upon this idea. The idea is to list our needs as they are taken up or supplied, and to list the person or organization who supplies the need. Please feel free to communicate with us regarding further information on any item listed below.

1. Master Mixer
 2. Canner (No. 10)
 3. Sheets (single beds)
 4. Pillow Cases
 5. Towels and Wash Cloths
 6. Chairs (stool)
 7. One mule.
 8. One Dump Cart
- Adoption of Boys and Girls
(19)

James A. Evans, Supt.

Early Christian Persecution

By Mrs. C. T. Adams

(Matthew 24: 6-9)

"And ye shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled for these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

"For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places."

"All these are the beginning of sorrows."

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

During the time that Jesus was telling His disciples of the terrible persecutions that should come to pass, while they were alive, a wicked ruler was causing much sorrow. Many sought refuge from his persecution in suicide. "I care not that the people hate me," he is represented as saying, "if they approve my deeds." It was in the midst of his reign that the Saviour was crucified. Full of a missionary spirit, His followers travelled the length and breadth of the empire, preaching the "glad tidings." Men's loss of faith in the gods of the old mythologies and civilization prepared seed for the new doctrine. The conversion of Rome is one of the most important events in all history. In less than three centuries the pagan empire had become Christian, not only in name but very largely in fact.

It was in the tenth year of Nero's reign, 64 years after Christ, that the so-called "great fire" laid more than half of Rome in ashes. For six days and nights, the flames surged like a sea through the valleys about the base of the hills covered by the city.

The people were ready to catch up any rumor as to how the fire

started. It was reported that Nero did it, but he went among the sufferers and gave them money, and to turn further attention from himself, he accused the Christians of having started the fire, in order to help out their prophecies. They never failed to teach prophecy as Jesus had taught it, and when things happened, Christians were blamed. The doctrine which was taught by some of the new sect respecting the second coming of Christ and destruction by fire lent color to their charge. Paul was doing missionary work at this time, and his writings revealed that he went through the fiery siege. The persecution that followed, was one of the most cruel recorded in the history of the church. Many were covered with pitch and burned at night, to serve as torches in the imperial gardens. Tradition preserved the names of Peter and Paul as victims of this persecution.

During the reign of Titus, Jerusalem was destroyed and more than a million Jews that were crowded in the city are believed to have perished. The miserable remnants of the nation scattered everywhere over the world. At this time, History records that the abomination of Desolation, spoken by Daniel the prophet, was set up, as the banners of the desolating and destroying Roman armies were raised, surrounding Jerusalem. In imitation of Nebuchadnezzar, Titus robbed the temple of its sacred utensils and bore them away as trophies. The seven branched candlestick was one of the memorials of the war. Surely this was a time of tribulation.

Titus was followed by his brother, Domitian, whose rule was one of murder. Under this emperor took place what is known in Church History as "the second persecution of the Christians." This class, as well as the Jews, were the special objects of Domitian's hatred because they failed to burn incense before the statutes of himself which he had set up. His niece accepted the new faith when she refused to burn

incense, he had her persecuted. Her name "Domitia" has been preserved as a victim. This shows that the new faith was finding its way in the higher classes even in the royal household.

Later, another war drew after it a series of terrible calamities. The returning soldiers brought with them the Asiatic plague which swept away vast numbers, especially in Italy, where entire cities were wholly devastated. The empire never wholly recovered from the effects of this pestilence. In the distress and panic the people were led to believe that it was the new sect of Christians that had called down upon the nation the anger of the gods. A fearful persecution followed. The Christians were steadfast through it all, and persecution did not seem to cause them to lose faith in obtaining a heavenly crown. It was many years afterward when the love of many began to wax cold and persecution lessened. We may look all around us today, and behold what difference there is in Christian persecution compared with that of the early Christians. A heavenly crown meant something to them.

And so these prophecies were fulfilled. Some who heard Him prophesy lived to experience the terrible times, which should show us that we should always watch, for Jesus told of much more terrible times to come, before He should come back to earth.

I have studied and prepared this prophecy of Jesus in order to show that He was not just another good man, but that He was God Himself, manifested in human likeness. We can depend upon all He said for if part has been fulfilled, all will be fulfilled before the end, then He will come to set up His earthly Kingdom, when war will be done away with, and He will be the world's King of kings and Lord of lords, who will rule in peace and righteousness, forever and ever. Amen.

Bryan Free Will Baptist Church

By Rev. J. R. Davidson

The Bryan Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1894 by Rev. A. M. Stewart from the State of Georgia. The first worshipful services were held in the building in which the Church known as "The Christian Church" was worshipping. In a short time a building was rented in which the congregation worshipped and the pastor operated a church school. This location was

er vision of a great need in 1929, and purchased a lot and erected a home for their pastor, which property is clear of indebtedness at this time.

During the year 1939 it was observed that the house of worship was giving way, and upon careful examination it was revealed that the building should be wrecked and rebuilt, or a new one should be erected. A building committee was selected, and investigations were started immediately. At first the way did not seem so clear for doing the neces-

begun. In the month of March the new educational building, consisting of eleven modern class rooms, an assembly room and a kitchenette, was opened for service. And by the blessings of the Lord, and liberalities of friends, we were able to dedicate this nice house of worship constructed of light brick style—on the fifth Sunday in June 1940. We now have these two nice structures for which we praise the Lord. The church proper consists of a beautiful auditorium, two rest rooms, one storage room, a pastor's study, a



New F. W. B. Church at Bryan, Texas

held for about four years, after which a lot was purchased on west twenty-seventh street and a frame structure was erected. This building was used as a house of worship until 1918, when it was decided to erect a brick building on the same lot. This building consisted of a nice auditorium and several Sunday School rooms. About 1930 the need was felt for more housing facilities, and a frame structure was erected beside the church building consisting of several more Sunday School rooms.

The congregation caught a furth-

sary work, however, as we prayed and worked the way was opened. Mr. W. J. Coulter, of the Methodist Church, voluntarily donated some nice lots in a nice location. The church graciously accepted this generous offer, and then came the unbelievable: Our beloved Brother and Sister J. L. Edge offered to build, and donate, a new church building, if the rest of the congregation would erect the necessary educational building. A motion was immediately carried to accept this offer, and to meet its challenge! So, by the first of January, 1940, work was actually

choir assembly room, a nice entrance, and one of the most beautiful baptistries it has been our privilege to see.

Since our entrance into the new church building we have experienced almost a constant growth in membership, and we now have a membership of approximately two hundred and twenty five.

During the period of time in which this church has been engaged in its building program it has kept up all current expenses, raised about \$225.00 for Christian Education, about \$100.00 for Foreign Missions,

about \$100.00 for Home Missions, and has raised funds for orphanage, superannuation and other benevolences.

The list of pastors having served



Rev. J. R. Davidson, *Pastor*

this church during its history is as follows: Rev. A. M. Stewart, Rev. Cumber, Rev. Chapman, Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Rev. Searcy, Rev. Morris, Rev. J. J. Tatum, Rev. Wheeler, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. Moore (supply), Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Rev. E. S. Phinney, Rev. L. C. Johnson (supply), and Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Important Missionary News

By I. J. Blackwelder,
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Nashville, Tennessee

We have occasion to rejoice in the fact that Miss Laura Bell Barnard, who has been laboring in India for five years, is on her way to the U. S. A. for a rest and for a visit with her friends and loved ones. Too, many of us are looking forward to hearing Miss Barnard tell of her work in India during the past five years, of the needs of those among whom she has been laboring, and of what she hopes we as a church shall

be able to accomplish in that needy land in the near future.

On the other hand, however, we have occasion to feel embarrassed when we learn that Brother Willey is in need of funds with which to return to Panama, that the September salaries of Miss Yeley and of Brother and Sister Willey are due, and that the foreign mission treasury is flat, or practically so. I do not have enough in the treasury to pay the September salaries of our missionaries.

Though our people have been urged by word and by letter to help on Miss Barnard's transportation expenses, only a very few have responded to this need, and only a small amount has been received for this purpose. Moreover, receipts for foreign mission work in general have been very small since the National Association.

The probable reason for this decline in foreign mission contributions since the Association is my annual report. You remember that the report showed a \$600.00 balance on June the thirtieth, and apparently that was enough for a long time.

But you will probably be surprised to know that the foreign mission disbursements since June 30 have been approximately \$800.00. Of this amount \$400.00 has been sent to Miss Barnard to get her on her way from India to the U. S. A. Yes, that is more than we thought would be necessary to bring Miss Barnard home, but I am sure we are delighted to have her come for a season, and would be glad to have her come at even a greater expense.

Let me say again, therefore, that the welfare of our missionaries and the progress of this great work are in the hands of our people. As the National Foreign Mission Treasurer, I can supply the needs of our missionaries as they take the Gospel to "every creature" only as our people make the necessary funds available to me.

I think it is not only necessary for the foreign missions treasury to con-

tinually appeal to our people for funds for this great work, especially for funds with which to pay the salaries of these men and women to whom we have obligated ourselves as a church, but it is even beneath the dignity of this office and of this work for such appeals to have to be made so often. They embarrass both you and me, and they are a reproach to our denomination.

I realize that there are those of our people who are not much interested in the work of the Great Commission, and that there are a few who are really opposed to foreign mission work. But I should like to remind our people, who compose the National Association of Free Will Baptists, of this one thing—as long as long as we choose to remain members of this great National Body, we are obligated to its entire program and we are responsible for the success or failure of each phase of its work. As men let us shoulder these obligations and responsibilities, and respond to every call for help, whether it is from foreign missions, home missions, education, superannuation, or any other phase of the work of our worthy organization.

Letter from Goldsboro, North Carolina

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am taking this method to express thanks to each one who breathed a word of prayer to our heavenly Father in behalf of my son who is in the State Hospital at Raleigh.

I felt so happy the day I visited him, he being in his right mind, and was so much improved.

I received a message today, August 26, from him and written by his own hand. He is still normal minded.

Again I thank you, for I am feeling happy today and am praying to God and for His wonderful working power.

Mrs. Delilah Hughes,
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Feeding the Flock with the Essence of the Word

By C. J. Harris

The essence of the Word is the Spirit of God; the Spirit of Christ; and the Spirit which emanates from the Holy Spirit. For the word "essence" means that which makes a thing what it is; a necessary constituent; element, as the essence of belief is faith. "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (1 John 5: 7).

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8: 14). And "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8: 9). "Howbeit, when he was the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) of truth is come he will guide you into all truth: . . . He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you" (John 16: 13, 14).

Christ's flock eats of the bread of life, and drinks of the water of salvation. I am that bread of life. The bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man eat thereof, and not die. Whosoever eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, (John 6: 48-58). "We cannot literally eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ. Naturally speaking this would be impossible. But when we keep His commandments, precepts, and examples, following Him in loving obedience in the "All things" of Matthew 28: 19, 20, we eat in a spiritual sense the very essence of Christ's life, body, blood and Spirit. He is the very life, and light of men (John 1: 4). In Him we live; in Him we grow in grace; and become completely furnished unto every good work. We live in Him and by Him.

Brother pastor, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the

church of Christ, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20: 28). If you desire good, healthy, growing flocks, you should have every sermon well flavored with the plain unvarnished word of God. They should by all means be fed on the "sincere milk of the word." Any other kind of food will make them knotty, unfaithful, and weak-kneed. For the lack of spiritual food of the word of God there is a sore famine in the churches of the twentieth century.

"Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3: 19). I firmly believe that repentance would be a wholesome meal to serve at this particular time, in order to sharpen the appetite of the most of the flock. It may truly be said that repentance is the gate to heaven, for it is the condition upon which the fulfillment depends upon eternal life. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance is one of the first and sacred duties of all who expect to reap eternal life. Read the marvelous revelation to the Seven Churches of Asia, and it will be apparent that repentance was the very thing they needed. Read Revelation, chapters one, two and three, and you will be convinced that the churches of today need very much to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Christ said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." Our spiritual meat is faith that works by love, and purifies the soul. When we follow Christ, we are eating of the very bread of life.

The Word of God is inspired by the Holy Ghost, the third Person in the divine Trinity. He inspires the Christian to a holy life, and when the flock is led by Him, they are living on the very essence of the Word of God. They are killed to the love of sin, being fed by the word of God, and made alive unto righteousness and true holiness. Christ is formed in the heart, the hope of glory. Our lives are hid in Christ, and we are

made partakers of the divine nature, but the sole author of this change is the Holy Spirit, and He effects it ordinarily by the instrumentality of God's word.

In the fifth chapter of Galatians, Paul names the "fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, godliness, faith, meekness, temperance." These nine graces are a source of spiritual food for all who are living a life of faith in the Son of God. In the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, Paul puts love as supreme in the spectrum, and breaks it up in the sunlight into its many colors, so that we may see what a really beautiful grace of life it is, the "flock" needs to be filled with love for God and man. Love is the new commandment. If we don't love our brother whom we have seen, how shall we love God whom we have not seen? "He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love" (St. John).

Love is the food on which the flock of God feasts. Love is the life of the soul. It has been called the badge of Christian discipleship. Without it no one can claim to be a member of Christ's flock. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The Father's table is spread with loving food, and His flock may freely eat of the heavenly manna. Love prompted the Father to send His only Son; and love brought the Son all the long way from His Father's house to die for us all on the cruel cross. "Greater love hath no man than this." "God hath commanded his love to us, in offering up his only Son as a ransom for our sins."

"Feeding the Flock with the Essence of the Word" is a subject assigned to me by someone else. It is a duty enjoined upon every Christian to study the word of God, and a special duty enjoined upon him who is expected to break the bread of life, and issue the water of salvation. For many who are ignorant of the word of God are hungering for it that they may eat and live.

The inspired word is a great source of knowledge on which the shepherd and the flock may grow fat. Without adhering to the word of God, professed Christians cannot walk as He walked, for it is impossible. The noted editor, Charles A. Dana, said, speaking of the Bible: "There is no book from which more valuable lessons can be learned." One cannot be really educated if he is ignorant of the word of God, but most of all he cannot be wise unto salvation without the message contained in God's holy word. And this means that we need to study it and also to digest it because we are sinful as well as ignorant. We need it to keep us from sin. David feasted on the word of God. Listen, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Dr. Griffith Thomas has said: "There are two classes of people in the world; the one class consists of those whom the Bible is keeping from sin, the other of those whom sin is keeping from the Bible." It goes without saying that a God-sent preacher will not willingly neglect to meditate upon the word of God. He will seek to arrange his message in the best way possible to win souls to Christ, and feed the young lambs on the sincere essence of the word of God. If we are occupied with Christ we cannot help being occupied with His word. The Gospel of Christ may truthfully be called the "Manual of Life." "For it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." And we need it for guidance in the right way on a long life's highway. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." But the Scriptures are more than a handbook to be studied on the way of life. They are living, powerful—"Sword of the Spirit" which the "flock" needs daily in its warfare against Satan and his agents. Let us realize our great need of feasting and arming ourselves with this powerful Word of God as we study it with reverence, with an humble and obedient spirit.

Finally, brother ministers, fill your mind, heart and soul, as much

as lieth in you, with God's pure Word, that you may be able to feed the flock with it and the essence of it will be emphatic.

"Fear not little flock it is your Father's good pleasure, to give you the Kingdom."

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Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The Unchurched

We hear the term "unchurched" used often now when speaking of those who are not Christians. But as I have observed many of those who have united with the church are not Christians. Often I ask for a show of hands as to church membership, and sometimes almost every one in a full house are members of some denomination. Then I call for a show of hands by saying, "All who know that they are Christians, or children of God—born of the Spirit and have the blessed assurance raise your hands." Then only a small number of them is found with uplifted hands. This is heartbreaking. The preachers are to blame largely for this condition. There has been too much effort to get people to join the church, instead of working to get people saved. Let us work to get people saved, born again Christians.

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One of God's Woes

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 23 1, 2). We are sure that God changeth not, so, if God pronounced a woe against the pastors of Israel for their failure to be true to the people and to their

calling, will God not do the same for us today should we be unfaithful to the work that He has assigned to us? There is a very great responsibility placed upon the pastor of the church.

Moses Wrote of Christ

A great many who profess to be Christians deny the writings of Moses. The unbelieving Jews claimed to believe Moses, but rejected Christ. They boasted of Moses and the prophets, but were blind to the truth of the Scriptures. So, Christ condemned them for their unbelief by saying, "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for Moses wrote of me" (John 5: 45, 46).

The first promise of Christ is found in Genesis. Moses wrote the book of Genesis. Hear his words, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3: 15). It is Christ who will get the Devil's head. Yes, Moses wrote of Christ, and Christ accepted the writings. "But if ye believe not his (Moses) writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5: 47). "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3: 14).

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"We are not so far apart," said a young college man who had swallowed modernism at the hands of his teacher. He said this because of a belief which he had in certain church ordinances—some of them. My reply to him was, "Boy, we are fundamentally as far apart as the East is from the west. I believe the whole Bible. You don't. When you throw out Moses, you throw out Christ and give God the lie." See First John 5: 10.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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Sweet Gum Grove Aid Report

The Ladies Aid Society of Sweet Gum Grove Church held its regular monthly meeting at the church directly after Sunday on August 14 and turned in the following monthly mission report for the month of July: Number members on roll, 18; Number members present August meeting, 8; Number Hospital visits, 4; Number community visits, 27; Number trays, 52; Number flowers, 6; Number baskets of vegetables, 10; Number bushels of fruit, 13; Number floral tributes, 4; Pounds of butter, 5; Miscellaneous donation, \$3.00.

Mrs. W. S. Brown, *President*,

Mrs. Roy Worthington,

Secy.-Treas.

Aid Report of Kenly Church

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Edie Flowers on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, in its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Felton Watson. Song was sung by the members after which we were led in prayer by Mrs. W. H. Pierce. Our program was from the Year Book. The topic "United Helpfulness" which was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Pierce. She read and discussed a story concerning the topic which was enjoyed by all. Then sentence prayers were offered by the members.

The secretary read the minutes of last meeting and the roll was called with 12 members present. The Aid's activities are as follows: Paid on ings \$1.50, money returned, 11c,

dues, \$1.85; Skiddo, \$2.95, flavor-making a total \$6.41 collected. There were 68 chapters read, 44 visits to the sick, 4 trays, 2 flowers and 4 gallons of milk.

We decided to sell barbecue Saturday, August 31 as a means of making money for the building fund. We also decided to send \$10 to our adopted orphan boy. This being all the business we adjourned to meet Tuesday after third Sunday in September with Mrs. Luther Kirby.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Luther Kirby served sandwiches and iced drinks.

Mrs. Myrtle Woodard,
Cor.-Secy.

Friendship Aid Report

We held our regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Will Tippet on the second Saturday night in August. The president, Mrs. D. O. Wilder called the meeting to order, a song was sung, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Hermon Madon. The scripture reading was taken from James, Mark and Matthew. Our topic for discussion was given by Mrs. Mavis Davis. It was very enjoyable to all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with sixteen members present. We had five visitors present. One new member was added to our society. Dues collected amounted to \$2; broom money taken in was 50c; egg money was \$2.60; flavoring money taken in was \$1.20.

Aid Activities

Sick visits made 54; chapters read in the Bible 136; trays sent to the sick, 5; flowers taken to the sick, 8;

milk given away, 17 quarts; funeral designs, 2; eggs given away, 1 doz.; sick cards, 11; and butter given to the needy, 3 pounds.

After completing the business, the society adjourned to meet again the next Saturday night. The hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Lola Hinton, *Cor.-Secy.*

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Ladies Aid held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. L. W. Davenport. The meeting was called to order by the president, and the members sang hymn 67.

The scripture lesson was taken from the Fourth Chapter of John, and prayer was offered by Mrs. D. H. Furlough. The following activities were entered into during the month: The roll was called, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We had ten members present and one visitor. The dues paid were \$1.10; sick visits made, 64; trays taken to the sick, 13; egg money raised, \$1.20; birthday dues, 50 cents; Bible chapters read, 105; money raised for education, 61c; flowers taken to the sick, 1.

When the business was over, the meeting closed in a word of prayer by Mrs. I. W. Furlough. Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. T. F. Davenport on September 3, 1940.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, *Cor.-Sec.*

Aid Report from Sidney Church

Our Aid Society held its meeting on August 22, as we were disappointed on August 15 on the account of rain. Our president, Mrs. Katie Roper, called the meeting to order, the members sang hymn number 96, and the Lord's Prayer was repeated by the members. The eighth and ninth chapters of Revelation were read by our president. Sentence

prayers were then offered by the members of the society.

The roll was called with ten members and two visitors present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We took a free-will offering which was fifty cents. The society dues amounted to \$1.40 paid in. We paid to our pastor \$5, and \$3 paid for flowers for the dead.

There were 237 chapters read in the Bible during the month. Two visits were made to the sick. Three cards have been sent. We are to study St. Matthew, fourth chapter; St. Mark, first chapter; and St. Luke, fourth chapter. The questions were answered very nicely this time.

The Aid closed to meet on September 12, 1940, after the members sang hymn number 105, with the benediction pronounced by Mrs. Katie Roper. After the meeting closed the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Laura Hill, *Cor.-Secy.*

To First Vice-Presidents of the Eastern District

I am asking each vice-president of the local Aid Society to send to me her report for the work that has been done in her local Aid Society during the last year. I need these reports that I may be able to have my report made out and ready when our District Convention meets.

Please send to me a large report, because I do not think that there is any phase of our work any more important than that of placing religious literature in non-Christian places, and needy homes where they are not able to have such literature.

How nice it would be when we read our Free Will Baptist paper, if we would just take it to some one, who is less fortunate than we, to read. Just look around and see if you do not have a shut-in in your neighborhood who would be delighted to read the paper.

Truly this is just a beginning, because we have so many kinds of religious papers and books that we could put into circulation to be read if we would just stop and think. If each local Aid Society would put on a campaign just once each year to collect from each member the religious literature that they have stowed away where it is not doing any good. If they would take that around in needy places, we do not know how much good we might accomplish.

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*Paintsville, Kentucky,
July 18, 1940*

Immediately after the Convention officers were elected by the National Association, the business of the Convention was undertaken. The officers elected were: W. E. Coville, President; L. E. Duncan, Vice-President; Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, Secretary; Miss Nellie Huggins, Assistant Secretary; W. L. Williams, Treasurer; Rev. William Reeves, Director of Organization; Rev. L. C. Johnson, Director of Denominational Enterprises; Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Director of Records and Reports; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Director of Publicity.

Motion sustained that the President and Secretary prepare and distribute two leaflets, one leaflet setting forth the organization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, the Constitution and By-laws as adopted by the convention, and the scheme and scope of the program of work to be undertaken.

The second leaflet is to include a concise and orderly statement of the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

Motion sustained that the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention authorize a request be made for a contribution of \$40.00 from the National Association. This amount to be used for promotional service by the Convention. (This request was granted by the National Association, and the check for \$40.00 was given to the Convention.)

Motion sustained to adopt the Constitution and by-laws of the convention, as follows:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Constitution

Preamble: In order to encourage and inspire the Sunday schools of the Free Will Baptist denomination to engage in a definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to co-ordinate their efforts for a more successful plan of teaching God's Word, we, a representative body of Sunday school workers, do hereby organize the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article One NAME

This organization shall be known as the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article Two OBJECT

Section 1—The object of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of Sunday school betterments throughout the churches of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

Section 2—Sunday school betterments shall include: A more definite objective, uniformity of system, a fraternal interchange of ideas, and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

(See "Convention" on page 14)

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

The Ever-Present God

(Lesson for September 15)

Lesson: Psalm 139.

Golden Text Illuminated: *"If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him"* (John 14: 23).

Present in Temptation—

In times of testing and temptation, trial and tribulation, how heartening it is to know that "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10: 13). "I see you have the mastery of the devil at last, Mose," said a friend to an old Southern Negro who had tried up to this time, but in vain, to conquer the desire for strong drink. "No," said Mose, "I've not mastered the devil, but I've got the Master of the devil with me now." There is no sin in being tempted. We sin when we yield to temptation.

Present to Help—

God is not only present with His people at all times, but He is "a very present Help in [time of] trouble." The Psalmist found it so: "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice" (Psalm 18: 6). Paul found it so: "Thou hast fully known my . . . persecutions, afflictions, . . . but out of them all the Lord delivered me" (II Tim. 3: 10, 11). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found it so. Their God delivered them from the burning fiery furnace (Daniel 3: 16-25). On either side of the riv-

er of life, there are grateful hearts that bear ready testimony to the fact that God is an unfailing Helper in trouble. "We may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13: 6).

I. The Heart of the Lesson

This Psalm sets forth two of the great attributes of God, and a consideration of them leads the Psalmist to offer up a prayer for himself.

1. The Omniscience of God (Ps. 139: 1-6)—

The word omniscience means all knowledge. It signifies that attribute of God which sets forth His perfect knowledge. It means that God knows all things and that He is absolutely perfect in His knowledge.

The knowledge of God is so definite as to apply to individual human beings. Throughout the Psalm the writer makes constant use of the personal pronouns "I", "my", "Me", etc. God does not merely have a general knowledge of all things in general, but knows specific details about each individual. He knew all about Moses and the Israelites (Exodus 3: 1-12), and He also knew what went on in the heart of Elijah (1 Kings 19: 1-21). When the Lord Jesus was on earth He could see into the hearts of individuals and read their thoughts (Mark 2: 8; John 1: 48; 4: 16-19); for as the Son of God He knew all things (John 16: 30).

God's knowledge relates to all of our actions (Ps. 139: 2). The Psalmist calls them "downsitting" and "uprising." All of our doings are pondered and weighed.

2. The Omnipresence of God (Ps. 139: 7-12)—

By this is meant the fact that God is everywhere present. It is closely connected with the omniscience of God, for if He is everywhere present He is everywhere active and possesses a full knowledge of everything. God Himself has declared that this is true (Jer. 23: 23, 24).

It is unescapable (Ps. 139: 7). God is Spirit and is not limited or confined to any particular locality. The attempt to flee from His presence would be futile. Jonah made the attempt to do so when he took a ship going to Tarshish instead of toward Nineveh. But God knew where he was and found ways and means of making him return (John 1: 3, 4).

There is no place where He is not. Heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool (Isaiah 66: 1). All things in Heaven are under His eye. The souls that go to Heaven are ever in His presence. He is everywhere in that place of bliss to give delight and companionship to those who reach it.

But He is also present in hell. Job said, "Hell is naked before Him, and destruction hath no covering" (Job 26: 6). The thought is not that hell is His abode as much as Heaven, but that even in that place of darkness and torment the souls of men will still be under His eye. This fact no doubt will add to the agony of the sufferers there. The God whom they scorned will be fully conscious of their eternal state.

3. The Occasion of Prayer (Ps. 139: 23, 24).—

The intervening verses which have been omitted speak of the omnipotence of God, which means His Almighty power. Pondering on these things leads the Psalmist to think of his enemies, the wicked, and of the fact that God will slay them. But in the light of what he has said about God He also begins to think of himself in relation to God. This reveals to him the necessity of prayer.

It's quite certain that the more we engage in the right thoughts about God the more we will be led to prayer, for such thoughts will show us how weak and undone we are before Him.

The prayer of the Psalmist is specifically for himself. "Search me . . . know my heart: try me . . . know my thoughts." It is of course our duty to pray for others (1 Tim. 2:

1, 2), but we can best be intercessors when we have first prayed for ourselves and our needs. It can hardly be the right kind of intercession if it comes from one who never prays for himself.—J. C. T.

4. *Further Lesson Illumination* can be had in our quarterlies. Every one of our Sunday Schools could use our own lesson helps with profit. They are true to the Bible and furnish a wealth of good things for mind and soul.

Lift Up the Standard of God

J. C. Bush, Sr.

May we, the Free Will Baptist brethren and sisters in Christ, seek more and more the grace of God, and His love that we may trust God's promises and know more of His will toward us. We are to uphold His Word to a world lost and drifting on to woe and misery.

Let us read Isaiah 62: 10, and study this one scripture in reality, and see where we are. As we go through the gates of our brothers and sisters in Christ, Are we living and leading a life that God's Word will approve? When we go into the presence of each other, we are going through the gate-ways of each other. Are we doing our best to build up and remove the stones, and not to offend our brothers and sisters?

What is the standard of our lives? Are we doing our best to hold up the Holy Bible? It is the standard for the people. The Bible teaches about two ways: the straight way, and the narrow way. The first leads to life everlasting, the other way is the broad way that leads to death and destruction.

We Free Will Baptists have a doctrine which we believe is right, for we get it from God's word. We believe the whole Bible. We also believe that salvation is free for all who will accept it. We are free moral

agents, and can accept or reject Christ. We should walk in the light as He is in the light. But, Are we holding the standard that Isaiah was holding up? We cannot serve God and mammon. To live, for Him means much self-denial, and it means many trials and temptations as we go through this world. There are many things that the Devil has to lead Christians astray. Will we accept the Devil's baits, or will we reject it like Christ did when the Devil took Him upon the mountain and showed Him all this world, and told Him if He would fall down and worship him, he would give Him the whole world. But Jesus told the Devil to get behind Him.

Dear Christians, What is the standard of our lives today? Are we willing to sing that old song, "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow"? Will we follow Him or will we turn aside, and be led by the Devil to partake of the things of this world which are not of God? Let us hold up the standard of God's Holy Word to a sinful and dying world, God's Word says that the blind cannot lead the blind because they both will fall in the ditch together. Where is our faith today? Do we have time to go to the church or Sunday School, or to the League and the Ladies Aid society? There are too many church members who do not have time (do not take time) to serve the Lord.

He does not lead us to the dance halls, card parties or mixed bothing places, nor does He lead us to many other places where we go. What is the standard of our lives? Are we lifting up Jesus in our lives day by day. May God help us to ever stand true to our Master. May we not be led off in the paths of sin and shame. Our Lord was put to an open shame when He was stripped of His clothes down to one garment and crucified between two thieves. He was nailed between heaven and earth. With outstretched arms we hear Him say, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

Oh! my friends, do we want the rest that our Lord was talking about? Do we want our good deeds to over balance our evil deeds? He will never lead His children to go to baseball games on Sunday, and many other places of sin and shame. Let us see what is the standard of our literary schools. Ninety percent out of one hundred of our people, when it comes to education, want our children to graduate and that is good, but when it comes to Sunday School, the League and other Bible studies, we are not much concerned. I fear we are not twenty per cent strong in studying and learning the Bible.

My dear brethren and sisters in Christ, may we become more interested in our children, because God is going to hold us responsible for the way we bring our children up in this world.

Visitors at the Orphanage

On the afternoon of August 17, 1940, the good people of Hansley's Chapel Church, Durham County, served as host to the children of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage for an ice cream party. The group, which was composed of eleven cars carrying approximately sixty-five people, was accompanied by the Pastor, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark and the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Q. Hansley. The children were highly entertained and enjoyed ice cream, which was provided by these thoughtful folk. The people of Hansley's Chapel have made this an annual affair and the children of the Home look forward to this season of the year for this event which they highly appreciate and enjoy.

James A. Evans, Supt.

*Prayer an answer will obtain,
Though the Lord awhile delay;
None shall seek His name in vain,
None be empty sent away.*

Boys and Girls Corner

Interesting Animals

Did you know that animals love music? We had a little pig who loved to ring a bell. He stood in front of his other who wore a bell, and lifted his little nose right easy, just high enough to touch the bell and make it ring, then he would listen and do it again and again. He enjoyed making the music himself.

We had a tame deer that would slip in the back kitchen door and into the pantry and push the door closed without ringing the bell that was on his neck, then after eating all the meal he wanted we could hear a bell just ringing and ringing in the pantry. He couldn't open the door from the inside, and he rang the bell for us to come and turn him out. This happened several times.

Did you ever frighten a squirrel and see him catch his heart with his little paws and hold his breath? Well I have when he was eating pecans.

Did you ever have a kitten that would call you to breakfast? We had one who would dash up stairs, just as the family went to breakfast, and looking at me on the bed would say, me-ow, me-ow, then he sauntered down stairs muttering in an undertone, as if to say, "I don't see why she can't understand plain English." I didn't understand what he meant the first morning, but after that I heard the chairs being pulled back from the table while he was telling me about it. He did not know the doctor had ordered me to sleep late. How could he count the members of the family and know one was absent?

The half-tame squirrels reach their little paws through the door and window of the bird house to find something to eat. They get punished for this too, if the blue bird is around. She flies straight up for thirty feet and comes down with a hard whack on his head which adles him. Then in a few moments

he starts for the woods like a shot, out of a gun. In the mean-time the bird is flying up high following him and doing the same stunt over and over again until he gets to the woods.

Surely this teaches us not to meddle with other people's belongings, but if we do we will have to reap what we sow. If everyone would let other people and their affairs alone there would be no war today.

Let's all be real peacemakers, and let's pray for the protection of our country.

A. Wells,
Kenansville, N. C.

Convention

Article Three MEMBERSHIP

The members of this convention shall be the General Officers of the convention, Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing, and delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization which they represent. It shall be the business of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the By-laws.

Article Four REPRESENTATION

State Conventions shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. District Conventions shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and each Sunday School shall be entitled to one (1) delegate. All delegates to be elected or appointed from the laity.

Article Five OFFICERS

Section 1—The officers of this convention shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Organization, a Director of Denominational Enterprises, a Director of Literature, a Director of Reports, and a Director of Publicity.

Section 2—All officers shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session of the convention.

Article Six BOARDS

The Executive Board shall be composed of the General Officers, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

Article Seven MEETINGS

This convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the convention while in regular session.

Article Eight AMENDMENTS

The constitution of this convention may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

By-Laws Article I

DUTIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

Section 1—PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, appoint temporary committees, call the members of the Executive Board together when necessary, and perform the other duties usually devolving upon such an officer.

Section 2—VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President, and assist the President in the general supervision of the work.

Section 3—SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, edit the minutes, notify officers of their election, and act as assistant to the several National Directors.

Section 4—ASSISTANT SECRETARY: The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary at all meetings of the convention and Executive Board and shall act as assistant to the several National Directors.

Section 5—TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge of all convention funds. Expenditures shall be

made only upon authorization by the convention when in session or by direction of the Executive Board. All orders on the treasury for disbursements must bear the signature of the President. The Treasurer shall make an itemized written report to the convention annually. All treasury records are the property of the convention and shall be audited by the Executive Board at its discretion. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover funds in his charge at all times.

Article II DUES

Section 1—Each Sunday school, either directly or indirectly affiliated with the National Convention, shall send to the National Treasurer the sum of one dollar (1.00) per month.

Section 2—Regular payment of dues, together with a letter of authorization and a report of the condition of the work, shall constitute the necessary credentials of the representatives.

Article III EXPENSES

Expenses of the General Officers to all official call meetings shall be paid from the National Treasury. All other expenditures shall be made in accordance with Article I, Section 5 of the By-Laws.

Article IV REPORTS

The Secretary shall prepare and submit a written report of all meetings of the convention or Executive Board to the National Association at each regular session.

Article V AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

Motion sustained that the President and Secretary of the Convention secure the publication of such Sunday School supplies as they may deem adequate to an introduction of the approved Standard of Efficiency

for F. W. B. Sunday Schools and that they have complete charge of all sales and orders. The expenses of publication incurred in this service shall be determined by the selection of the best competitive bid from at least three (3) reliable printers.

Motion sustained that the National Convention accept the loan offer in the amount of \$200.00 from Mr. W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas. This money is to be used as capital in the publication, sale, and promotion of Sunday School supplies. It is understood that this loan is to be non-interest bearing and of indefinite duration, but that it shall be paid in full or in part at any time that funds may be available and such application of said funds may be authorized by the officers of the National Convention.

Adjournment.

Report for Tennessee Orphanage from Virginia

Dear Brethren:

As I am field worker for the State Association of Virginia Free Will Baptists in the behalf of the Tennessee Orphanage, I will appreciate it very much if you will publish the following report in your paper. I expect to make a report each month of my work.

The Report

For June, E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia	\$ 10.00
For June, Lone Pine Church, Pound, Virginia	4.53
For June, Lone Pine Sunday School, Pound Virginia ..	3.50
For June, Pikeville, F. W. B. Church, Pikeville, Ky.	1.00
Total	\$ 19.03

Check, July 13, to F. W. B. Orphanage	\$ 19.00
July 13, balance in bank .....	.03
For July, Midway Quarterly Conference, Scott Co.	2.00
For July, Woodway Church, Woodway, Virginia	4.00
For July, Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Virginia	2.75

For July, W. M. McFall, Clintwood, Virginia	2.4
For July, Cherry Grove Ch., Coeburn, Va., R. F. D.	1.32
For July, Big Spring Church, Norton, Virginia, R. F. D.	2.01

Total	\$ 12.35
Check, August 6, 1940, to Tennessee F. W. B. Orphanage	12.32

August 6, 1940, balance in the bank

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. McFall, Field Worker,
State Association of
Virginia

Just One More Day

Just one more day for Jesus
Just one more day to do His will;
One more day ere he leaves us
In this sinful world to live.

Just one more day for Jesus,
Let it be whatever it may;
Jesus will never leave us
If we will trust him all the way.

Just one more day for Jesus
Let it be at my life's end;
Where I can say "another for Jesus"
And see on pages white my forgiven sin.

Hester Newberry,
Quincy, Florida

Man's Greatest Question

(Continued from page three)

self, and God with all his heart, letting his mind dwell only on the beautiful and best in his fellow men and on the many blessings of God.

What is necessary on our part, if we would have Jesus and the Father make their abode with us? "Jesus answered and said unto Him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14: 23).

Would it not be pleasing to the Lord if, after studying this great question, you would this moment register your decision for Jesus?

Greenville Church Briefs

The Missionary and Ladies' Aid Societies of the Greenville Church sponsored a special missionary rally Monday evening, August 26, closing their "Penny-a-Day drive for foreign mission funds. Miss Mavis Lee Oakley, (sister of Mrs. Ballard) who recently returned home from six years' missionary work in China, was the guest of the two societies and gave a wonderful illustrated lecture on the customs of life in China. The public was invited and responded by filling the auditorium. Miss Oakley had a large table covered with articles brought back from China which she used to illustrate her talk.

Last Sunday the Dr. Peden Memorial Bible Class (Rev. D. A. Windham, teacher) observed "Good Fellowship Day," with quite a number of visitors present from other like classes in the city. Among those attending we noted the judge of our county court, an attorney, a dentist, a druggist, a banker, and a number of other business men. Everybody seemed to enjoy the hour, and Mr. Windham gave a splendid exposition of the lesson, illustrated with an interesting chemical demonstration.

We have been having frequently dramatized sermons in our church on Sunday nights, and these special sermons are proving popular. A few Sunday nights ago the congregation was greeted to a view of a model church built on the platform, complete with memorial windows, etc. The subject was "The Ideal Church," and the various points in the sermon were illuminated with music, dialogue, etc. coming from the model on the stage. The secret? Mrs. Ballard and a group of the young people were in a basement room in a distant part of the building, and their part of the program came by "remote control" over an amplifying connection to a radio concealed in the model church. We are preparing a similar service on the subject "The Ideal Home" for the near future.

Our remodeling program is about completed, giving us much better facilities for our Sunday School. Other improvement projects are "on the program" for the near future. Come see us sometime!

P. S.—Are you listening in to the "Morning Meditation" program over Station WGTC each morning at

8:30? These brief periods of devotion are proving helpful to many.

L. E. Ballard

When my prayers are a burden and task,

No wonder I little receive;

O Lord, make me willing to ask,

Since thou art so ready to give.

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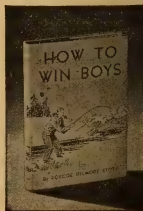
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The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

A splendid book by a competent author.

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The Ninetieth Psalm

(Security)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
And lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home!

—Isaac Watts' Lyrical Version

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And scan his work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.*

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Past, Present, Future of the Educational Program

By J. R. Davidson

Doubtless, many have been wondering why there has been nothing said through our church papers concerning the work and plans of the National Educational Board of late. Others, no doubt, have repeated the question, "Where do we go from here?" which was raised from Brother Henry Melvin in his message to the bodies in their National Association at Paintsville, Kentucky last July. Some of us seem to have some vision and a degree of enthusiasm, but not enough ambition with which to properly function. Still, there seems to be more determination today than at any time since we started our special emphasis on the fact of our need educationally.

We have reasons for believing that our energies have not been found in vain, though we have been only able to render a limited service. We have at least realized a very great deal of what we had hoped to accomplish by this time. Many communications coming in indicate the fact that there is a constantly growing tide of enthusiasm concerning these needs. People from seventeen different states have been stirred to the point of offering financial co-operation, and we have been able to raise more than \$4,000 without having expended one penny for field services.

In the past we have refused to raise the white flag in the face of whatever criticisms that have come, and the barriers thrown in the way. We still intend to persist in the effort until victory comes. The past achievements may look small to the church people, but we are very proud of what we have done. Again, we wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for each effort which has been made for this great cause. To those who have stood idly by, and have watched others with a critical eye, I have nothing short of

the best of Christian love for them, but I again challenge you to fall in line, and "let's rise up and build." Think of the amount of cash which we would have on hand if only all would try as a few have done. We still have faith in our people, and we are looking for fruits because of our sowing.

As to the present status of affairs, permit me to say that the Lord is being glorified in the present vision. Different ones write in and make such expressions, while others are mailing checks and money orders. Yes, we are still in the battle, and shall be unless the Lord says, "It is enough, come up higher." We are progressing toward the goal (an institution of learning for services for our denomination in preparing men and women to carry the Gospel) as rapidly as you people on the many fields are allowing us to go forward.

We must look into the future if we are to succeed and achieve our goal. Some who are most interested may be waiting at this time to learn just what to do, however, no one should be waiting, in as much as our greatest need is, as it has been all the while, "cash." If we had a sufficiency of money, we could open school for the coming session. But, since we do not have the necessary cash to do this, we can only wait and keep on working. Harvest time is here in the country, and now let us all get busy, and raise some money for this great cause while the people are banking some money. Go to work with your people now, brother pastor.

The recommendations made by the Educational Board, and adopted during the last session of the National Association should not cause anyone to relax in his respective field, but they should create rather a greater effort everywhere for

this great cause. Whatever the Executive Committee of the General Board endeavors to do in general promotion work, due consideration must be given to all boards which had already adopted plans (which were approved by the general body) for their work during the next twelve months. All boards except the Educational Board, had reported with their plans outlined, when the recommendation for, and creation of the General Board came. Hence, each pastor, church, auxiliary and individual should continue, strenuously, in the efforts of raising funds and adding to the amount we now have on hand for our National School.

Upon looking into my records, I find quite a few good looking pledges that have not been paid. Some who made pledges have fully paid up, some in part, while some seem to have forgotten the whole affair, Brother, sister, to be sure that you have not forgotten the fact that you made the pledge, will you please remit so that I may clear up your record?

But someone will say? "What is your program? What does the Board have to offer us?" Those who attended the National Association will recall our conditional offer. We said, "Give us \$15,000 during the next twelve months, and we will launch a school program to meet our present need." This should be easy. The Bryan Church, and the church at Ashland City, Tennessee raised one dollar per member last year, and what these did most of the others could have done. Think what it would have meant if all had done this well! We would now have from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars on hand with which to start our educational program. Will not all of you try to do that well this year? Now is the time to start.

EDITORIAL

How to Help the Baptist—

Renew your subscription now for one year, two years, or for a five year period. Then, get your neighbors interested in it. Tell them about its good messages—religious poems, its good sermons, the women's auxiliary work, the fine reports of revivals, union meetings, Sunday School conventions, leagues, Notes and Quotes, and the like. Lend them your copies to read. Tell them the need of more church people reading the Baptist paper, why they should learn what is being done among the churches from time to time.

Again, you can help the Baptist by mailing, in good form, your literary productions for publication from time to time to us; namely, your good religious articles, spiritual poems, reports of outstanding achievements in your local church, auxiliary, league, etc. Such articles, well arranged for publication, will be of interest to the Baptist readers and of great value to the denomination.

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Good Eastern Auxiliary Desired—

The women of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, which convenes with Holly Springs Church near Newport next Thursday the nineteenth, are looking forward to a fine meeting. With a good representation from the various local units or societies in the district, may they expect a fine session. It is hoped also that a goodly number of ministers will be present to show their interest, and to offer any encouragement and support that may be requested at the hands of the convention leaders.

What the Church Needs—

The average church needs greater consecration and less irritation. It needs more giving and better living. The church needs more appreciation and less criticism. It needs better organization, but less disintegration; more efficient leading and a greater following. It needs more faithful workers with fewer shirkers; more boosters and less complainers.

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What the Mind Should Dwell Upon—

It should cultivate the spirit of cooperation and good will at home in matters of common good to advance the cause of better civilization. The mind should study the causes which bring about national and international disruptions, and then seek to effect, as far as is humanly possible, remedies which will prevent future entanglements. It should make the Bible the basis for all human conduct, both temporal and spiritual. It should cultivate love for peace, exercise the law of human kindness, and manifest the spirit of justice.

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Time to Catch Up—

The harvest season is here and farm products are being sold at fair prices. Therefore, the church that is behind with the pastor's salary, superannuation dues, mission offerings, orphanage support and so on should put on a harvest drive for these worthy causes, and catch up with its financial obligations. A good working committee in each church would do well to make a thorough canvass of every member of the church and get a substantial

gift for the Lord's business. It takes money to carry on the work of the church, and there would be no better time than now in many rural districts for this church drive to be launched in the name of Christ.

God certainly does help those who will give freely to his storehouse. Many people will gladly give to the support of their church if they are called upon when they have the money in hand. And we believe there is nothing wrong in going out and soliciting for the Lord's cause. The right way, however, is for all to bring their gifts to God's altar; but some would never give if they had to take it to the altar, for they are too busy, they say, to go to church for worship. But many such will give when they are called upon by good Christian workers.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Truth and Error

The Bible gives us many illustrations in setting forth truth and error. God warns us to be on our guard as to accepting error. We are warned against false teachers in many places. John says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4: 1).

John tells us here that a false spirit is a false prophet. A prophet is motivated by a spirit. The true prophet is moved by the Holy Spirit. The false prophet is moved by the spirit of error—the spirit of the devil.

How We May Know the Prophets

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every Spirit that confesseth that Jesus is come in the flesh is of God" (1 John 4: 2). "And every spirit that confesseth not that Je-

sus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is in the world" (1 John 4: 2, 3).

"Jesus Christ in the flesh" declares that Jesus Christ and "the Father is One." "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14: 9, 10). These Scriptures with many others set forth the *Divinity* of Jesus Christ. To make Jesus only a "good man" as many are doing, is "anti-Christ." Any preacher that denies that "Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh" is anti-Christ.

Some More Warnings

"But there were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you" (2 Peter 2: 1-3).

To deny the Lord is to have unbelief in His word—dispute what He says—and this is done both openly and secretly. This is done by "book agents" who drive to your door selling books, which are described by the agent as being better than the Bible in as much, as the "Bible does not explain itself," according to their argument, and the "book will help you to understand the Bible." They have a line of talk that would "deceive the very elect if possible" and many follow their pernicious ways and buy the books because of

the argument, and, too, because they are sold for very little money. Often you, the purchaser, are made to disbelieve the Word of God, even deny what the Bible says. Any book that denies the "everlasting punishment of the wicked" denies Jesus Christ and, therefore, the book is false and its author is the Devil. People who believe that there is no "everlasting punishment of the wicked" are made "merchandise" as they spend their money for trash—damnable trash—and their own souls are sold to the Devil, and their reward is eternal separation from God where they will associate with the Devil and his angels for ever. Read Rev. 20: 10-15.

God Is Blessing

Two years ago it was said by physicians and friends that we would not be able to preach much more, if any, but thank the Lord we are able to preach a little. We have been engaged in meetings now almost continually since the National Association, preaching twice per day part of the time, and God has been blessing us physically and spiritually. The God who can cleanse the heart from wickedness can also heal the heart of flesh, when it gets out of order and make it fit to serve the other members of the body.

The Lord's will, when you read these lines, I shall be at Parker's Chapel, Pitt County, in a series of meetings. The next meeting then will be at Black Jack, where I am pastor, beginning on Monday night after the Third Sunday. We will have two services each day, part of the time. October the 7th I go to Mt. Olive, near Plymouth, North Carolina for a few days; then to Long Ridge for a short meeting. Those of you who pray, remember me to the heavenly Father when you talk to Him, and ask Him to give me physical strength and spiritual power for the meetings.

Brother Clifton Rice of Kinston will preach at the Black Jack meet-

ing at the evening service from Monday evening until the close of the meeting.

Union Meeting

The union meeting of the third district of the Eastern Association met with Gray Branch Church, Lenoir County, on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in June at ten o'clock.

Song and prayer service was conducted by the congregation and the union was called to order by the moderator. Then organization was perfected by the moderator appointing the various committees. Prayer was offered for the success of the union by Elder Calvin Bennett.

There were ten ministers of this union present, together with a good representation from the different churches of the district.


Visitors present were Elders Calvin and J. R. Bennett of the fifth Eastern Union.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Bennett and he used for a subject: The Return of Our Lord. After the sermon the union called off for one hour for refreshments.

Upon returning to business the list of churches was called and there were twenty four represented with a total contribution of \$55.25, of which the union gave to the Orphanage \$10.00; to Gray Branch Church \$20.00; and to Sneads Ferry Church \$10.00. S. W. Jones, W. C. Hill, and A. I. Taylor were appointed as delegates to the State Association with \$5.00 contribution. It was ordered that the next union be held with Longridge Church Duplin County and that Elder Lloyd Vernon preach the introductory sermon, and Elder S. A. Smith be on his failure.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kindness to us during the sitting of this union and then by motion we adjourned until next time in course.

S. W. Jones, Clerk

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News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard

P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

REPORT FROM THE T. H. WILLEY LEAGUE, DURHAM, N. C.

Dear Field Secretaries:

We wish to write in and tell you that we enjoy League work very much, and we are planning to do more for the cause of Christ than we have been able to do before. At our last business meeting we discussed ways in which we had failed to do the things for Christ, as He has commissioned us to do, such as missionary work here at home and abroad. Many times we think of the League as just a few minutes devotion every Sunday night and gathering ourselves at the State Convention in order that we might win the Banner. We realize this is a fine thing, but as one member said, "There are other things which are not being done, which would glorify Christ and promote His cause." We saw our shortcomings and we decided to forget those things which are behind and to press forward to those things which are before us. Much enthusiasm is already being shown, and visitors meet with us, who did not seem to be interested before. It's marvelous how great things can be done when we take Jesus as the great captain. We are too weak to accomplish things in our name, but, my what can be done in the name of Jesus.

We plan to give each member a task, for in this way only, can a League function—when everyone has something to do, it seems more interesting.

We plan to have a monthly project—to visit a shut-in each month and sponsor a prayer service, leaving behind a basket of something nice. In this way, we can show that Jesus is love, for He always left happiness wherever He went. We also sponsor a prayer service each week.

We plan to have a missionary program, in honor of our missionaries, each month, and we will take a love offering for them. We realize that we can do more for them than we have done. We can plan to let love guide us in all we do or say, and to meet all the obligations of the League in the name of Jesus.

We challenge all Leagues to look for the best that you have and put it to the test. See just how much you can do that will bring honor and glory upon the name of Him who loved us enough to die for us.

His last request was, "Go ye into all the world."

C. T. Adams, President,
Mrs. C. T. Adams, Bible Quiz
Leader.

We are indeed happy to hear such an encouraging report from one of our Leagues. Truly this League is endeavoring to make our League Motto come true in their individual lives. "The Kingdom of God First." We trust this will be an inspiration to others to follow in their steps, and not just strive for the highest banner or standard, but above all strive to glorify the Lord Jesus by letting their light shine for Him.

LEAGUERS OF THE ENTIRE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION!

We are always happy to receive the Baptist, for through its pages we have an opportunity to hear from our Kingdom work all over the U. S. A. But alas, we are disappointed not to hear more of the Great work that our Youth are doing. We wish to thank the Leaguers, who have responded to our call by sending in reports, and their officers' names for our directory, but we do not have enough to compile a complete directory as yet. We know that your F. W. B. L's are doing much for the Master, but we are insisting on you letting your Light shine, by sending reports to us that others might see your good works and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. We would like to hear from those good Leagues in Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, and all the other States of our Association as well as North Carolina.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO COME TO E. C. T. C.

To all the F. W. B. students who plan to come to the East Carolina Teachers' College here in Greenville, we are asking you to drop us a line. If you would like to be met at the Bus or Train station, we will be glad to do this. To the new students, who come and will perhaps be homesick, we want you to feel that in us you have foster parents. We hereby invite you to come to the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church on the corner of Cotanche and Eleventh Street the first Sunday you are here.

If the Lord Should Come

We often wonder what we would do if the Lord should come. The Christian poetess, Margaret E. Sangster, answers the question in a surprisingly beautiful way. Every reader of the "Baptist" should memorize this short poem, and repeat it when they need the comfort of the Master's presence.

J. T. Linton

IF THE LORD SHOULD COME

Why do I ask the question?
He is ever coming to me.
Morning and noon and evening,
If I have but eyes to see.
And the daily load grows lighter,
And the daily cares grow sweet,
For the Master is near, the Master
is here;
I have only to sit at his feet.

—Margaret E. Sangster

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Report of Concert Class

Louise Edgerton, Mgr.

Seventh Week

Piney Grove, Nash County	\$12.75
Mt. Zion Church, Nash Co.	\$25.07
Mt. Zion Sunday School, Nash County	4.29
Mt. Zion Aid Society, Nash County	5.00
Total	\$34.36
People's Chapel	\$13.56
People's Chapel Aid Society	10.00

Total	\$23.56
Daniel's Chapel	\$30.22
Union Grove, Durham County	26.25

Edgemont	\$36.30
Edgemont, (Mrs. Rosa Thomas for building fund)	5.00

Total	\$41.30
Hansley's Chapel	\$27.47
Oak Grove, Durham County	10.13

Total \$206.04

Program

Albemarle union meeting will be held with the church at Mt. Olive, Washington County, on Saturday, September 28, 1940.

Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Devotional exercises, by David Ange
- 10:15—Remarks by Moderator
- 10:20—General Business Session
- 11:20—Congregational singing
- 11:30—Sermon by Rev. N. D. Beaumont
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:15—Song service
- 1:30—Continuation of business
- 2:00—Special Singing by choir
- 2:05—Miscellaneous business
- 2:30—Adjournment
- Benediction

Saturday Night

- 8:00—Business Period—Oscar Webster in charge
- 8:45—Program by the Free Union League under direction of Alton Paul

Program

The following Sunday School Convention will convene with the church at Mt. Olive, Washington County, September 29, 1940.

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions, led by W. F. Ange
- 10:15—Remarks by the moderator
- 10:20—General Business Session
- 11:20—Congregational singing, led by Rev. E. C. Morris
- 11:30—Sermon by James A. Evans
- 12:00—Lunch

Sunday Afternoon

- 1:15—Song Services
- 1:30—Special singing by local Sunday Schools

- 2:00—Business continued
- 2:20—Unfinished business
- 2:30—Adjournment
- Benediction

PROGRAM COMMITTEE,
L. D. Ange

Program

The following program is for the union meeting of the Eastern South Carolina Conference. It convenes with the church at Mooderick near Hemingway, South Carolina, on September 28, 1940.

Saturday Morning

- 9:30—Devotional, led by the moderator
- 9:45—Appointment of committees
- Listing of preachers and their reports
- List of churches
- Petitions for next union
- 10:35—Discussion: Is It Right to Preach Sanctification as a Definite Work of Grace, and the Holy Spirit As a Filler?
- 11:00—Preaching
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 2:00—Reassemble
 - 2:15—Reports of committees
 - 2:30—New business
 - 3:30—Adjournment
- J. G. Williams, Com.

Home Coming at Dublin Grove

Dublin Grove Church in Beaufort County will have its home-coming on the Fourth Sunday in September.

All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. George Hudnell

*Can a mother's tender care
Cease towards the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet I will remember thee.*

Opportunities

So many people have asked the needs of the Orphanage, we have, after discussing with Mrs. Henry Melvin, struck upon this idea. The idea is to list our needs as they are taken up or supplied, and to list the person or organization who supplies the need. Please feel free to communicate with us regarding further information on any item listed below.

1. Master Mixer
 2. Canner (No. 10)
 3. Sheets (single beds)
 4. Pillow Cases
 5. Towels and Wash Cloths
 6. Chairs (stool)
 7. One mule.
 8. One Dump Cart
- Adoption of Boys and Girls (19)

James A. Evans, Supt.

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The World's Saturday Night

By C. F. WIMBERLY

[Portions selected by Rev.
R. C. Kennedy]

... Some years ago we elected a man—a great statesmen—as President, who believed that Jesus was just human, like you and I. No greater insult can be blown into the face of God than to take the crown of Deity from His brow.

Our land is filled with institutions of learning; teaching hundreds of thousands of boys and girls this stark infidelity. Car loads of young ministers are being sent out from seminaries, tainted with the virus of modernism. It can be heard from big pulpits in the land and the radio, and when it is done—brand the Bible as a lie, insults God and brands Christ as an imposter. God looks at this world as we look upon His Son.

Let us see if God has anything to say about an awful Dark Night that is approaching the world. We will call Jeremiah to the witness stand. In his twenty-fifth chapter he says that all the nations and all the hosts of the earth, and when he says ALL, he means ALL, that they will be slain from one end of the earth to the other, so that in this last great war there will not be enough left alive to bury the dead. He says that God will call the buzzards to help devour the flesh as it will be as dung on the earth. See Jeremiah 25: 15, 16, 27, 33.

Now then, let us call Daniel to the witness stand. Daniel says in 12: 1 that there shall be a time of trouble and sorrow such as never has been nor never will be again. Daniel sees this last war just as Christ saw it when He spoke of the time of Tribulation on the Mount of Olives that it will be a time of sorrow such as had never been or never will be again, and Daniel says, "The wise shall understand, but the wicked shall not understand." See Daniel 12: 10.

Let us call Ezekiel to the witness stand. In the thirtieth chapter he tells about a Dark Day. A time of distress and pain among the Gentile nations. Ezekiel 20 says that God's wrath is going to be poured out, not His love and His mercy, but His wrath. In the twenty-ninth chapter he says so many millions will die in battle that there will be nobody left to bury the dead; and he also says that the fowls of the air will be called to this great supper. John says in the nineteenth chapter of Revelations that this supper is going to be for the fowls of the air and that they will gorge themselves on the flesh of captains, on the flesh of kings, and on the flesh of beasts.

Now we will call Joel and ask him what he knows about this Dark Night. Joel says in the second chapter that it will be the darkest night in the history of the earth, and he says nothing will escape.

Now let us call John, the Saint from the Isle of Patmos, to the witness stand. Revelation 6: 12: "And he beheld when he opened the sixth seal, and lo there was an earthquake and the sun became as black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood, and the stars of the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island was moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and the rocks of the mountains and said to the mountains and the rocks: Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day has come and who shall be able to stand." In vain are their cries, for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them because the rocks cannot spare them. That is one prayer meeting in which there is going to be a multitude attending who never go to prayer meeting now. But they will grope their way through the darkness to this prayer meeting, and

hide in the dens and the rocks of the mountains.

Now we will call Christ. Note, He says: "There is going to be a great Tribulation," and when God says a thing is great, it must be GREAT. It is going to be a record breaker of everything that has been before and after. And He tells us that so great will be this Tribulation that unless it is cut short, there will be no flesh on earth. And Jesus was asked when this is to take place, and He says, "When this Gospel goes around the earth, and the fig tree begins to put forth her leaves."

Now for a few moments we want to find out the source of this Dark Saturday Night—Devil's Night—that is coming upon the earth. In the sixteenth chapter of Revelation we read, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, and out of the mouth of the beast. For they are the spirits of the devil working miracles, going to the kings of the earth and to all the world and leading them to battle in the great day of God Almighty, and he led them to a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon," Rev. 16. . .

Will You Help?

You have probably been wishing that every Free Will Baptist Sunday school could have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, and the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools. That is exactly what we are wishing, too! If you will help us, your wish, and ours, will come true!

How can you help? Just this—This Standard of Efficiency and the Constitution and By-Laws have been put in leaflet form and are for free distribution to Sunday school workers. Write us today for copies.

Then—if you know of other Sunday schools which need these leaflets, won't you please send us the

name and address of either the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, or an interested member in each of these schools? Be sure to give us the addresses and, if possible, tell us what positions these persons hold in their churches.

Thank you for helping.

Address all correspondence to the secretary, Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, 1620 10th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Union Meeting Report

The union met at Macedonia Church, Craven County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June. Rev. M. C. Prescott opened the meeting by reading the nineteenth Psalm.

The Moderator was absent and Rev. N. D. Wiggs acted in his place. Rev. N. D. Wiggs welcomed the preachers, delegates and visitors. Then the different committees were appointed.

Twenty-eight churches responded to the roll call with a donation of \$82.08. The devotional committee gave the following report: Rev. M. C. Prescott to open and Rev. Clinton Lupton to preach at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. B. F. Ringgold to preach tonight, and Rev. J. C. Griffin to preach Sunday at eleven o'clock for the Sunday School Convention.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant from the first Union of the Western Association and Rev. Marshall Joyner of the second union of the Central Conference were present and made some interesting remarks.

At this time the concert class from Middlesex under the direction of Miss Alma Broughton gave a very delightful program of music and recitations. After which Rev. Clinton Lupton preached. Then dinner was spread on the church lawn.

After an hour of social activities, the union reassembled for the transaction of business. The afternoon song and prayer service was led by Rev. Duffy Toler, after which Rev. M. C. Prescott spoke concerning the

European situation and asked that we pray without ceasing and help prepare souls for the great beyond.

Disbursements to the Orphanage, \$45.00; to L. C. Garner, \$5.00; Zion Bible school, \$10.00; W. J. Moore, \$9.24; W. W. Lupton, \$10.00; and to the clerk, \$5.00. A public collection was taken for Rev. W. J. Moore which amount was \$21.26. This was paid to Mrs. Dorcas Barrow to help pay for medicine for Brother Moore who is very ill at Sister Barrow's home. Also a collection was taken for the Orphanage which amount was \$10.11.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kind hospitality shown the union during this session.

The union convenes with Smyrna Church, Beaufort County, next time.

The union adjourned with a song and prayer to meet in its next session.

Rev. N. D. Wiggs, *Mod. Pro tem*,
Rom Mallard, *Secretary*

Orphanage Concert Class Report

Velva Daughtry, Mgr.

First Week

Tee's Chapel, Johnston Co.	\$17.33
Pine Level, Johnston Co.	22.10
Rains X Roads, Johnston Co.	12.32
Kenly, Johnston County	30.75
Micro, Johnston Co.	25.00
Total	\$107.50

Second Week

Pleasant Plains, Johnston County	\$10.11
Holly Springs, Johnston County	12.02
Branch Chapel, Johnston, County	18.33
Selma, Johnston Co.	13.65
Piney Grove, Johnston Co.	7.05
Stancil Chapel, Johnston Co.	11.04
Total	\$72.20

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Damascus Church Progressing

Many changes have taken place since you have heard from me, but I am thankful this morning for God's goodness. I humbly bow and say, "Thy will be done."

Our church at Damascus, Kemper County, Mississippi, altho small in membership, continues to prosper. Our pastor, Rev. George C. Lee of Calhoun City, Mississippi comes for two services a month when weather conditions are favorable.

Our revival began the First Sunday in July with Rev. M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Alabama doing the preaching. I cannot do justice by merely writing about the wonderful services we had.

Brother Hollis brought messages that people marvelled at, and though the weather conditions were very unfavorable, it was remarkable how people came from far and near to hear this man of God. In every way people showed great interest and co-operated to make this an old-time revival in our church and community. We feel that much and lasting good was done and we thank God for sending Brother Hollis this way.

Pray for us that we may ever press onward and upward and do a greater service for our Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. S. O. Johnson

Piny Grove Revival

The Lord being willing, Rev. W. L. Jernigan will begin a series of meetings at Piny Grove, Beaufort County, on September 15th, 7:45 p. m., September 21st, 11 a. m. the church will meet in yearly or annual conference.

The public is invited to attend all these services, the members are especially requested to attend the annual conference as important business is to be transacted that day.

Yours truly,
J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Eastern Auxiliary to Meet Soon

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention will be held with Holly Springs Church at Newport, N. C. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September.

At a recent meeting the executive committee arranged what we think is an interesting program, and we are looking forward to a very successful session, providing we have the full co-operation of the various Aid and Missionary societies.

Mrs. E. L. Mallard, our district secretary, was a little late in sending out report blanks, owing to a death in her family, but if our ladies will be prompt in making their reports and mailing them to her at once, she will probably be able to get her report ready on time.

I hope our societies will favor her in this way, as it is vitally necessary that she receive your hearty support that she may get all reports tabulated as early as possible.

We hope there will be a full representation from all societies at this meeting. There will be interesting reports and discussions relative to our work in general and information will also be given regarding our National plans. In order that our Auxiliaries function to the best advantage in promoting the kingdom work of our Lord, we must acquaint ourselves with the fundamental principles of the work at large. Our aim, "To be Approved Workers," taken from the following Scripture, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2: 15), should inspire us to put forth our very best efforts in behalf of this cause.

All pastors throughout the district are urged to make an effort to be present during the convention. The women who are doing their best to lighten your burdens and make your pastoral work more effective, need your support and co-operation. We need your kindly advice and prayers. We need to know more of your difficulties regarding your local church work, also we are anxious to learn more of your successes and how obtained, therefore we hope to have a goodly number of our preachers with us at this time.

St. Paul exclaimed on one occasion "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This is the motto of the Ladies Aid Society, so if we believe this and work toward its fulfillment, I am sure we will reap good results.

Yours to serve,

Alice E. Lupton, *Field Secretary and Organizer*

A Plea to the Auxiliary Societies and Churches

Dear Auxiliary Societies:

It is now nearing the fall season and it is time to begin thinking of our children at the Orphanage. We have some children there yet that have not been adopted by any society. I wonder if there is not some Aid society or church that would like to take care of one of these children?

You just do not know the joy they get out of knowing that there is some one that is caring for them. It fills their little hearts with joy to have an Aid society or church to care for them. So, won't you take one? Think what an opportunity you will have to bless one of these children!

I had the pleasure of being in the

Home a few days ago, and I really feel proud of the Home and the children. I feel that I can never do for the Orphanage what I would like to do, but let all of us do what we can for these children. Let us bind our hearts together with pure love and the grace of God, and put forth every effort to do all we can for the Home.

Let us stand by our Orphanage and the superintendent, Rev. James A. Evans, and the co-workers at the Home, for we are their support. Let each and all be willing to do everything possible to get these children adopted. Now I am sending in the names of the children that do not have societies or churches as their adopted homes. I hope that you will decide on one of these children, and become responsible for their clothing. It will give them so much joy to their little hearts.

If I can be of any help to you in any way, please let me know. I am asking to be remembered in prayer that God will help me to be more able to fill my place in our Orphanage work.

Names of Children not Yet Adopted and Date of Their Birth

Bettie Jo Allen, August 3, 1929, Vanceboro, North Carolina.

Joe Butts, February 11, 1926, Greene County.

Jonahtan Allen, April 27, 1939, Nash County.

James McGee, December 20, 1926, Durham, North Carolina.

Lillian Hollmon, August 28, 1922, Walstonburg, North Carolina.

Corrine Johnson, September 30, 1928, Johnston County.

Ralph Pate, November 13, 1922, Lenoir County.

J. B. High, June 8, 1925, Bailey, North Carolina.

Grace McLawhorn, June 20, 1931, Pitt County.

Sterling Skinner, May 16, 1927, Pitt County.

Iona West, April 22, 1926, Sampson County.

Gorman West, February 17, 1939, Sampson County.

James Albert Allen, November 7, 1924, Goldsboro, North Carolina.
Vernon Bissette, September 11, 1928, Nash County.

Jennings Lucas, May 9, 1927, Wilson County.

Sidney Snipes, August 20, 1926, Wilson County.

Felix Watson, August 23, 1924, Wilson County.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. J. L. Braswell,

413 North John Street,
Goldsboro, N. C.

To the Aid and Missionary Societies

It is now a very short time before our convention convenes and without the very best of co-operation it cannot be a success without everyone doing her part and all pulling together, then it can be a great success.

If any society fails to receive a report blank, I am asking you to please notify me at once so that I may be able to mail one.

Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Secy.

Program

The following is the program for the Eastern Auxiliary Convention to be held with Holly Springs Church at New Port on September 19, 1940.

Thursday Morning

Theme for the day: "The Cross Bearer"

9:30—Devotionals led by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth

9:45—Welcome Address by Mrs. James Howard
—Response by Mrs. Rhoda Prescott

10:00—Remarks by the President
—Enrollment of ministers and delegates

—Reading of minutes of previous convention

—Reports from other organizations

—Appointment of committees

10:45—Report from director of missions

11:00—Song Service including special music

11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. P. Woodard

12:00—Adjourn for lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song and prayer service led by Rev. J. C. Griffin

1:15—Report of delegates attending other conventions

1:45—Report of field worker

—Report of director of education

—Report of director of superannuation

—Special music

—Report of director of publication and literature

—Report of Orphanage director

2:15—Report from the orphanage by the superintendent

—Report of finance and apportionment committee

—Treasurer's report

—Miscellaneous business

—Benediction

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Pres.,
Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Secy.

To the Women of the Central Conference

I would like to remind you, that this is the month of our district Auxiliary meeting, in which you are to bring the report of your Penny-a-Day offering for Foreign Missions for the month of August. Surely as you read the appeal in last week's Baptist you were made to remember and even desire to do more than this for the sake of our missionaries.

As your third vice-president, I am begging you to remember "The Only Thing that will count when we stand in His presence will be the Things done for Christ."

Sometime ago I wrote each individual society asking you to ask every member to give during the month of August just one penny for each day for Foreign Missions.

Some societies have already responded. Let us not fail to heed this call, lest we be ashamed, when we stand before the King of Kings!

Mrs. L. E. Ballard,

Third Vice-President

Mt. Tabor Aid Report

The Aid held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. L. F. Davenport on September third. The president called the meeting to order, the members sang hymn, number 64, and the scripture lesson was read from the fourteenth chapter of Deuteronomy. Mrs. D. H. Furlough offered prayer.

The roll was then called, the minutes were read of the last meeting and approved. There were ten members present and five visitors with us. Our society has made 37 sick visits, sent 7 trays to the sick, give 2 flowers, read 170 chapters in the Bible. The dues paid in were \$1.90 and the birthday offering was fifty cents.

After the business was attended to, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting to meet with Mrs. D. Furlough on October 8. The closing song was number 87, and the society was dismissed by Mrs. Callie Swain. After the meeting closed we were served by the hostess lemonade and cake.

Mrs. Alton Furlough, Cor.-Secy.

Program

Program of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference which is to convene at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, September 25, 1940.

9:30—Registration

9:40—Devotional—Mrs. M. A. Woodard

9:55—Address of Welcome, by Mrs. N. E. Harris
—Response, Mrs. Charlie Harris

10:05—Duet, Mrs. Loys May, Miss Rubell Smith

10:15—Mission Talk—Mrs. L. E. Ballard

- 10:25—Congregational singing, led by Mrs. Loys May
 10:35—Business period
 11:30—Solo—Mrs. J. C. Moye
 11:35—Sermon, "Living under the Lordship of Jesus," Rev. L. R. Ennis
 11:55—Announcements
 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Congregational Singing and prayer, led by Mrs. Gilbert Jones
 1:15—Orphanage News, Superintendent J. A. Evans
 1:30—Duet, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. Frank Shirley
 1:40—Report of Vice Presidents
 2:10—Special Music
 2:20—Talk, "Duties of Vice Presidents" Mrs. J. P. Barrow
 2:35—Report of Committees
 3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. Joe Barber, *Pres.*,
 Mrs. E. L. Dail, *Secy.*

Notice

I am kindly asking the fourth vice-president of each local society in the Eastern District to please send me her report on Stewardship for the past six months, so I can have my report ready for our auxiliary Convention in September.

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth,
District President of Stewardship, Davis N. C.

Notice

All Aids of the Central District please send me the report of all that your societies have done for Superannuation for the last six months so that I may have a good combined report for our auxiliary meeting in September at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Carl Barrow,
 Snow Hill, North Carolina

*The pity of the Lord,
 To those that fear his name,
 Is such as tender parents feel—
 He knows our feeble frame.*

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
 M. B. Hutchinson,
 Zaleski, Ohio

The Voice of Wisdom

(Lesson for September 22)

Lesson: Proverbs 4: 10-27.

Golden Text. Illuminated: "*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life*" (Proverbs 4: 23).

This is what the Lord told us. A lady came to D. L. Moody, and asked him what she should do with regard to the evil thoughts that came seeking an entrance into her heart. In his brusque, yet sensible way, Moody replied, "Madam, you cannot keep the crows from flying over your head, but you can keep them from making a nest in your hat." Instantly she saw the meaning of his words. Refuse admittance to the evil things. A little girl was asked what she did when sin came knocking at the door of the heart. She replied, "I just say, 'Lord Jesus, please answer the door for me.'"—*MacFadyen.*

An aged Scot told his minister that he was about to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "And when I'm there," said the pilgrim complacently, "I'll read the Ten Commandments aloud frae the top o' Mount Sinai." The minister looked at him with an eye of pity and said, "Sandy, tak' my advice! bide at hame and keep them."—*Brice.*

By all means let us be filled with the Spirit. Christians can be selfish, and jealous, and hateful—"all these evil things come out of the heart." But Christians ought to be loving, and gentle, and generous. During the World War a Turk was brought into a hospital, and an American girl assigned to nurse him. Her own brother had been killed in that war. But she nursed him carefully. When he asked her why she did not let

him die, she answered "I am a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Every day in every way, let us be careful about our heart.—H. M. H.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Our lesson speaks of two paths which are described by the Voice of Wisdom. One is the path of the wicked and the other the path of the just (Proverbs 4: 11, 14, 15, 18, 19). The path of the wicked is one of violence and darkness. It leads only to destruction. But the righteous have found a new path. It is the "path of the just." It is the "narrow way" of the New Testament (Matthew 7: 13, 14). There are two descriptions of this path, and between them there is a description of the path of the wicked.

1. The Way of Wisdom (Prov. 4: 10-13).

2. The Way of Wickedness (Prov. 4: 14-17).

3. The Way of Light (Prov. 4: 18-27).—*J. C. T.*

Everything centers around Proverbs 4: 23. If our conduct is to be clean, Christlike, then the heart must be right. If a spring is poisoned at its source, then all that flows from it will be tainted. If a tree is corrupt it cannot bring forth good fruit (Matthew 7: 18). The nature of a thing determines the quality of its fruit. Because the unregenerate heart is desperately wicked (Jer. 17: 9), "every imagination of the thoughts" of man's heart is "evil continually" (Gen. 6: 5). This is confirmed in almost every page of the Bible, in human history throughout the ages, and in the experience of every sincere man and woman. All the wisdom of Solomon is futile if the heart remains unchanged, for it is beyond man to change his sinful nature. While the heart remains unregenerate, man's thoughts, words, acts will be tainted by sin. He will be impotent (Rom. 7: 15, 19) to walk in the way of wisdom, in right paths (Psalm 139: 11); he will be drawn into the path of the

wicked (vs. 14) so easily. If life is to be right at its furthest circumference, it must be right at its center, the heart. Not until man realizes this truth—and his pride and self-righteousness hinder him from realizing it—is there any hope of amendment. When man comes to an end of himself and realizes he is powerless to change his heart and nature, then his position is hopeful. When Christ is received as Saviour and man looks to Him entirely for the clean and new heart, then he finds things completely changed at the center. When the heart is changed through the operation of the Holy Spirit, then man's conduct, motives, outlook, purposes, ideals are transformed. Then he guards the heart by storing it with God's Word, with all that is true, pure and lovely, for he knows that "out of it are the issues of life." He knows it is not sufficient to put off sin, he must also put on Christ (Romans 13: 14).—A. H.

II. Lesson Illustration

A Shroud of Rust—

Arthur T. Pierson, in one of his books, tells the story of an Arabian princess "who was presented by her teacher with an ivory casket, not to be opened until two years had passed. Impatiently did she wait. Time came for opening the casket. With trembling fingers she unlocked the treasure; when, lo, on the satin lining of the ivory casket lay a shroud of rust—the form of something beautiful, but the beauty gone!"

Looking at the ruined gift, the princess noticed a slip of parchment. It contained these words: "Dear pupil, learn a lesson in your life. This trinket, when inclosed, had on it only a spot of rust; by neglect it has become the useless thing you now behold—only a blot in its pure surroundings. So a little stain on your character will, by inattention and neglect, mar a bright and useful life, and in time leave only a dark shadow of what might have been. Place herein a jewel of gold, and after many years you will find it still

sparkling as ever. So it is with yourself; treasure up only the pure and good, and you will be an ornament to society, and a true source of pleasure to yourself, and to your friends."

III. Home Work

The Book of Proverbs deserves more attention today than it re-

ceives. Read the entire Book, then select the twenty-five proverbs you like best. It will pay to do so. Also be sure to study the lesson helps in our quarterlies. Be sure to memorize the Golden Text.

A dictatorship is a nation where men have had freedom but didn't use it.—A. Brandon.

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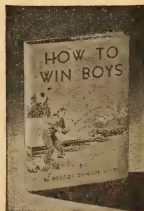
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Boys and Girls Corner

Captain Joe

The game was to be out in the school yard on Saturday afternoon, and the girls of Miss Rose's room had made a beautiful red pennant for the winning team. Joe had received a fine new football for his birthday, and that was how his team had started. Soon afterwards Bert, who was in the third grade in a neighboring school, had had a birthday and had been given a football, and that was how his team started. Now the two were to play together, and for days the boys had thought of nothing else.

Saturday afternoon was bright and beautiful, and by the time the game began, the yard was lined with visiting mothers and teachers as well as with boys and girls, and it all was very exciting. Never before had Joe felt so proud or so anxious, and as the game went on both sides played so well that it seemed as if there surely would be a tie. Joe grew more and more eager to win.

Suddenly one of Joe's players made a misplay. Joe was the only one who saw it. If he kept still it meant victory for his team. If he told, the other team would be almost sure to win the game. What should he do?

Then like a flash there came into his mind something which his Bible-school teacher had said: "Remember that Jesus was once a boy who played with other boys. We know that he never cheated, and we know that He understands how hard it sometimes is for us to be perfectly fair."

Joe did not wait to think any more, and although there was a great deal of excited talking when he told what he had seen, the game went on. Perhaps it was because they were secretly proud of their

captain, but for some reason Joe's team played so well that they won after all.—*The Sunbeam.*

Luke 2: 52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

An Evening Prayer

If aught I may have said or done
Hath from the wrong a wanderer
won,

I thank thee, Lord.

If aught I may have said today,
Hath caused one soul to go astray,
Forgive me, Lord.

So help me live for thee, each day
That some lone traveler on life's
way

May know thee, Lord.

And when at last I see thy face,
And come unto thee, saved by grace,
Receive me, Lord.

—Laura E. Kendall

*He that sweareth
Till no man trust him;
He that lieth
Till no man believe him;
He that borroweth
Till no man will lend him;
Let him go where
No man knoweth him.*

—HUGH RHODES.

Eastern League Union

The Eastern League Union will meet on Sunday, September 15th at 3:00, at the St. Delight's church. Each League should send two delegates and a quarterly report.

A pennant will be given to the League having the greatest number present, based on the number enrolled and the miles travelled. Come on Leaguers, and, do your bit!

Dorothy Lupton, Pres.,
Myrtle Pugh, Cor.-Secy.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

PARKER. On April the eighteenth the death angel visited the Woodard and Herring Hospital, and took Mrs. Jack Parker to her heavenly home. All was done for her that doctors and nurses could do, but God knew best, and took her home to rest.

She was born on January 6, 1911, and died April 18, 1940, making her stay on earth 29 years and 7 days. She was married to Jack Parker twelve years ago, and to this union were born five children, three sons and two daughters.

She had two brothers and one sister, and a number of relatives and friends. She was a member of Marlboro Church, and was always there when she could go. She was buried in the Parker Cemetery. Her funeral was conducted by Reverends Pelt and Woodard and Moye.

Mrs. Carl Jones

PARKER. Little David Randolph was taken to his heavenly home on Easter Monday. Everything was done for him that could be done, but he was always sickly. He wore the sweetest smile though.

He was born on May 18, and died on March 24, making his stay on earth ten months and six days. He leaves to mourn their loss mother and father, and two sisters, Gladys and Alice Fay.

They loved you David,
But God loved you too;
Darling, have no fear
For He will care for you.

His Aunt, Mrs. Carl Jones

HESTER. On December 12, 1939 the death angel visited us and took grandmother. She was born on November 6, 1866, making her stay on earth 73 years. She was the daughter of Rev. David and Elizabeth Pait, and the widow of Georg Hester, who preceded her to the grave some twenty years ago.

To this union were born fifteen children fourteen of them are surviving. She has fifty grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren. Her sisters are Mrs. W. G. Wilson Mrs. E. C. Hester. Her brothers are Mr. Bass Pait and Mr. Buck Pait, all of Bladenboro, North Carolina.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. E. H. Russ at her church, White Oak F. W. B. Church. Her body was laid to rest beside her husband in the Davis Cemetery to await that day when Christ shall say, "Well done."

She is missed by all who knew her in the kind deeds which she did in helping the sick. She always tried to speak words of cheer and comfort to all. She was the same every day you met her. She was loved and thought well of by all.

Grandmother, how we do miss you,
No tongue can tell to visit the old home
We loved to go to so well
And hear your comforting words.

It seems more than we can bear,
But we know that some sweet day;
We can see her and listen to her sweet
voice
For we can go to her to stay.

Lovely offerings at the grave were tributes to the loving respect in which she was held in the community.

By her granddaughter,
Mrs. Eddie Jackson

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MERRILL. Elder L. C. Merril departed this life on February 23, 1940, after a lengthy illness at the age of 82 years and one month old.

His funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Anderson and Rev. Everett at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Currier, where he spent his last days.

Many friends and relatives came to pay their last respects to the deceased. He was preceded in death by his wife and two daughters. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Currier, fourteen grandchildren, and thirty-four great-grandchildren.

He is gone but not forgotten,
His dear old voice is still;
And a place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

Mrs. W. E. Currier

Notice

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder of Nashville, Tennessee, is scheduled to hold a two weeks revival meeting at Gum Swamp Church, beginning the week after the fourth Sunday in September. He would be glad to have another church in North Carolina following this one for a meeting. Any churches desiring his revival services may write him immediately.
(Miss) Elizabeth Warren

The Heart's Proof

Do you ask me how I prove
That our Father, God, is love?
By this world which he hath made,
By the songs of grove and blade,
By the brooks that singing run,
By the shining of the sun,
By the breeze that cools my brow,
By fresh odors from the plow
By the daisy's golden head,

Shining in the fields I tread,
By the chorus of the bees
In the lowering willow trees,
By the gentle dews and rain,
By the farmer's springing grain,
By the light of golden eyes,
By the sheen of forest leaves,
By the sweets of woodland springs,
By the joy right-doing brings—
By the thousand, thousand things!
By a thousand, thousand things!

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Reason for call	_____	3. Be sure you are	_____
Information secured	_____	4. Be sure you are	_____
Remarks	_____	5. Be sure you are	_____
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Place and by whom completed	_____	7. Be sure you are	_____
929			

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FOR THE PASTOR'S INFORMATION	
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Place	_____
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930	

No. 930—Pastor's Information Card. Can be used by church members in giving information to pastor about new prospects or indifferent church members; or by pastor in making assignments for calls.

PASTOR'S CALLING RECORD	
Name	_____
Address	_____
Reason for call	_____
Information secured	_____
Remarks	_____
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931	

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Missionary Efforts

By T. H. Willey

Our last report was in Tennessee. Going up from Nashville, Tennessee to Lexington, Kentucky we spent the night at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. Summer school was in session and they had a special service given us the time for a missionary program. Many memories were brought back afresh of an army of Christian workers scattered all over the world, many of whom were my very dear friends. The following morning we left for conference, timing ourselves to get Mrs. Willey there in time to address the ladies.

What a joy once again to see our friends and dear people from Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico, North and South, East and West. To us who go to the mission field and return over a period of time each moment with our people has its weight of special significance. On the field we dream of the time when we can meet with those of like precious faith. As your missionaries we look forward to the time when we can bring a representative in the person of a native pastor from those fields where we go to labor. This is not an idle dream we could almost immediately place pastors if we had the funds. Each face of our dear friends is etched freshly on our minds as we realize we may not see you for some time to come.

Wherever we have gone as your missionaries we have met with gracious and kindly hospitality and love. Brother and Sister Rice, with whom we stayed in Paintsville, gave us a lovely room and made every moment a time of restful blessing. We were grateful for the fellowship with Bro. Winford Davis and the Bingham and with each of those on hand there.

I have held a few meetings along the Big Sandy river between Cattlesburg and Elkhorn City. At Justell

we had a great meeting in 1925 and on inquiry found that a dear friend who was reclaimed in that meeting was then living in Paintsville and from him I learned that another saved in that meeting, the husband of a Free Will Baptist, is now preaching the Gospel.

In the meeting with the Board of Missions we discussed plans for our immediate return to the Central American field and it was decided we should return the last week in August. Sufficient funds have not come in as yet and we are waiting, writing this the fifth of September. I am willing to go down alone and be separated from my family. This will reduce the amount needed at once for the expense of travel.

Conference over we bade farewell to our great family of Free Wills and headed for Atlanta, Ga. After a brief visit with our relatives and celebrating our tenth wedding anniversary before the altars the Gospel Tabernacle where we were married by speaking on our missionary program, we drove over to Glennville, Georgia. We had a fine meeting considering the brief time for advertising the meeting. We felt that we dare not go through the State and miss Glennville, and our dear friends, though we did miss many due to a very bad storm. Our next stop was with Brother K. V. Shutes in Camilla, Georgia. Brother Shutes is doing some real pioneer home mission work with very little support for his sacrifice. This lad deserves a great amount of encouragement from our people. We visited some of his newly organized churches and one of the most spiritual and wide awake. Sunday morning we were at Greenwood Church, then Sunday night, July 28th, we were back at Camilla under Brother Shutes' tent. Monday night we went on to Midway out of

Moultrie, Georgia, and found a fine group of folk and a good response to our mission. Our next stop was at another of Brother Shutes' churches, the newly organized one we mentioned at Drifton, Florida. From Drifton we drove over to Piney Grove, just beyond Boston, Ga., another one of Brother Shutes' churches. This church building is one of the best constructed buildings in our denomination as a country church. The building is spaciouly built for the crowds.

I am sure most of you are aware that more people go to country churches than those who live in cities. It is an inspiring sight to see a great country church packed with people. From Piney Grove we went on to Folkston, and our people really turned out to the Philadelphia church out from Folkston under great difficulties in the form of a blinding rain storm over muddy roads. We were made at home by Brother and Sister Gibson. These are folk that surely are a blessing to the ministry of a pastor.

From Folkston we went on to Dukes, Florida, and found a hearty welcome from Brother Howard, he made us feel that we had come home to visit our own Dad. We had four days there which passed just too quickly for us. Brother and Sister Carol Brown made everything so pleasant we just regretted to leave them. The folk got together and made up a missionary offering from their tithes. Brother Hollis was in a meeting at Dukes and we hope that he had a great time. Truly he had a great people to preach to. Brother Joe Fort is pastor and one of our aggressive, wide-awake pastors of whom we are proud. Brother Joe could fill the pulpit of any big city church. He loves his work and his people. Again it was good-

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EDITORIAL

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference will convene on Wednesday of next week with the church at Rocky Mount. This is expected to be an important meeting. Delegates from all of the local societies in the district are expected to be present, and to take an active part in the transaction of the business. The officers have stressed through the paper the need of a good representation at this meeting. Many of the ministers are expected to attend this session at Rocky Mount.

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The Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention will hold its fall session in October. Although it has not been organized so very long, yet the women of this district are putting forth efforts to build up a strong work among their local units. Their work is being felt in other sections, and the churches in the Pee Dee Association are witnessing the good work which the Women's Auxiliary is doing. It is hoped that this session of the convention will be well attended and much good may be accomplished.

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According to reports the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists of Alabama will hold its next annual session on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1940. The moderator, Rev. J. B. Bloss, is a strong church leader in his association. Progress is being made by this association as time passes, so we understand. Much improvement has been made for the last few years in several of the churches. May those people look forward to the best session that they have ever enjoyed in their State body. More of their work should be reported through the Baptist paper.

We are hoping to receive interesting reports from each of these annual meetings this fall in the various states. The readers of the Baptist would be very glad to read their reports and to learn much concerning the work which they are doing. The editor is very desirous of such reports for use in the Baptist. In this way, therefore, he is insisting that the secretaries or clerks of these annual bodies send in excerpts of their reports, giving the results of the meetings. Such progress as is being made by these state bodies will make worthwhile reading for those who read the Baptist each week.

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Renew your paper before your name shall have to be dropped from the mailing list. Many old subscribers are in arrears, and unless they notify us or renew soon, they will cease to get their paper. The business management cannot continue sending the Baptist unless those in arrears begin to pay up for past due subscriptions. Please attend to this matter as early as possible.

More of God's Love and Mercy

By J. C. Bush, Sr.
Colquitt, Georgia
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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we need more of God's love, one for another, than we see manifested. We need to pray more, more each day we live, we need more of God's love in our hearts and more of His Grace. We should not let the things of this world come between us and our brothers. When any of our brethren get in destitute conditions, it's our duty to render aid

in every way we can. James, the second chapter reads like this: "If we see our brother have need of anything and we shut up our bowels of compassion against him" and say "be ye warmed and fed what does it profit him?" The Holy Bible says "How dwells the love of God in such a man." O my brother, when we are born of God there is a tie of love one for another. The Bible tells us to "love our neighbor as ourself." O how we need more of God's love. The love of God does away with hate and it removes prejudice out of us. When the love of God gets control of men and women then we are willing to suffer for Christ.

When we get the love of God in our hearts as we should, then we will have compassion for our weaker brethren and help them in every way we can, we will not turn them out of our church, and when they ask the church to meet them on half way ground, if we will have the right spirit in us, we will do something about it. We will not act as tho we were deaf and dumb. We may not realize how we can hinder some one by treating him cold and indifferent. We may hinder but we will never change the purpose of God.

If we are willing to see our mistakes and wrongs we will be willing to take God's Holy Word and get right with God, and our fellowman. Let us not try to twist His Word to fit our lives, but let us keep God's commandments, and walk in His Ways, for we read in Deuteronomy, chapter 28, if we would keep His commandments and walk in His ways, He would bless us. He also said not to have any other God before Him because He said that He is a jealous God and wanted all our love.

May we try not to offend anyone, but may we strive to help each other. If we are not worshipping God, then we are worshipping the things of this world. It may be money, land, dress or automobiles or many other things in this world. O my brother, there is a tie of love that the ungodly

man knows nothing about. Where one is born into the kingdom of God then it is that the great tie of God's love and mercy binds us together. We will call your attention to the third chapter of Malachi. He said, "Return unto me and I will return unto you saith the Lord of Hosts. But ye say, wherein shall we return. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me, but ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

We who have been going to Sunday school know we have been studying where God has been warning the children of Israel through His prophets, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Jeremiah and Isaiah, asking them to return unto Him that He would still love and forgive them, but they would not and God suffered them to be overthrown. I believe in these lessons God is speaking to us today to return unto Him and He will abundantly pardon. God may suffer this nation to be overthrown by Hitler, but we need not fear Hitler, but fear God. Luke 12: 5 says, "Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell, yea, I say unto you, Fear Him." Also read Matthew 10: 28. We too must return unto God, pay to Him what we justly owe Him and stop robbing Him. We are supposed to bring in to the store house or God's church one-tenth of our income to help in the ongoing of God's Kingdom work. We should stop throwing away God's part of our income by going to shows, the dance hall, whisky and beer joints and numbers of other questionable places. If we walk in God's ways He will bless us in all of our undertakings. The old prophet Micah 6: 8 says, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do *justly* and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

To fail to do this will mean death and destruction. May we return unto the Lord.

Be Ever Watchful

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have a great love for the Free Will Baptist. I feel that we are on the right road, although there are many stumblingblocks in the way. These are detours to keep us from getting to the Promised Land.

The Devil is wiser than man, and he will by some means cause us to stumble. Therefore, it pays one to be on the watch, for you will find many places that he will try to lead you. But the dear old Bible teaches us to watch and pray, lest we enter into the temptation. We are to watch, lest He should come and find us doing things displeasing in His sight. We are to watch all those evils, the drunkard and his wicked ways, as well as others, and not to worship idols. We are not to do anything that would embarrass us in the presence of the Lord. Let us not do as Adam has done, when he hid himself in the garden.

Dear people, we cannot hide from God our sins, for He is watching us with that all-seeing eye. If the good Lord was to come down from heaven, and visit our church, and tell all the members just how they stand, I imagine that it would be real embarrassing. What if we could see each other as God sees us! I can imagine some of us would be ashamed to even go to church. The thing to do is to get right and stay right with Him. If eating meat offend your brother, eat no more meat. Do not do anything that will cause him to be offended at you.

If you want the good Lord to watch over you, and to answer your prayers, do not cause your brother to stumble. Obey Him and keep his commandments. The good Lord can bless you in different ways. He can make the rough paths smooth. Also, He can punish you in many ways. He can destroy you at the end. Therefore, keep your lamps burning, for the Lord will save all at his coming who is filled with the Holy Spirit. If you will keep your body a fit temple before Him, He will

take care of your soul. But, if the Devil has full sway over your body, I pity your poor soul. I am satisfied that it would have been better for you, if you had never been born. Look! See how you stand. You know how you have been living. I know my temple is before the Lord, and you know how yours is, too, so keep it in fit condition for the Lord. It is the place of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Remember, the Lord will not forsake you, for He is not slack concerning his promises as men count slackness.

Respectfully submitted,
B. E. Coxwell

Revival at Spring Branch Church

Rev. Chester Pelt held the revival here. Mrs. Pelt, too, was with us throughout the week. The meeting began the evening of September 1st and closed the following Saturday.

There were eight who confessed their Saviour and came to unite with our church. I am sure that we shall not forget this revival. Every one seemed to enjoy the messages and the music so much. The little folks had a choir called the Booster Band. They want Mr. and Mrs. Pelt to know that they are the Booster Band right on and enjoy singing the songs taught them during the revival. Rev. James A. Evans, our pastor, was with us the first evening of the meeting and one other evening during the week. We would have liked for him to have been with us every evening. But we know that duties of the Orphanage kept him away.

We are asking all who read this to remember us at Spring Branch in your prayers. That while so many people are being misled and some willingly turning away from God, that we may be faithful to the end and as Mr. Pelt told us, believe in no one's word but God's.

Sincerely,

Lorene Beamon,
Walstonburg, N. C.

Visitors to the Orphanage

Lee's Chapel

Mrs. W. M. Phillips, teacher of the Young People and Adult Class, came to visit the Orphanage on August 29. Along with her came the following members of her class:

Mrs. Lela Phillips, Willie Eason, Odell Jernigan, Eugene Jernigan, Vernon Godwin, Earl Eason, Rogers Godwin, J. W. Phillips, Hazel Barbour, Margurite Adams, Betty Elmore, Ruby Elmore, Stoney Elmore, Edward Godwin, Oconell Herring, Donnie Mae Lee, Virginia West.

Pearl Williford, Mildred Tew, O. A. Barbour, Dixie Phillips, Graham Phillips, Fred Tew, Crafton Tart, Glen Godwin, Shortie Bess, Helen Strickland, Alton Strickland, George Elmore, Marlo Tew, James Eason, Louis Hardin Strickland.

They left \$10.35, which had been raised by their group.

Black Jack Missionary Society

Under the direction of Miss Reba Smith, twenty-three young people paid us a very pleasant visit. This is the wide awake group of people.

Hickory Grove Sunday School

The Rev. D. W. Alexander and several people from Hickory Grove community visited us August 29. They had in the group several soft ball players who played our boys two games. The boys at the Orphanage seemed to have the skill necessary to defeat the rushing and efficient players.

At noon time the people began bringing baskets from their cars which were filled with good things to eat. We arranged a place for them to spread the dinner which was enjoyed by the entire group of Sunday School students and the matron, and Superintendent.

We were indeed glad to have this group from each church visit us and be shown around on the grounds and in the building.

We are looking forward to the return of these people again.

James A. Evans, *Supt.*

Revival at Stoney Creek

Once again, my dear friends, I am glad to report to you another great revival at Stoney Creek Church, five miles north of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The services began fourth Sunday night in August and continued until Friday night before Second Sunday in September. Rev. Clarence Bowen of Durham, North Carolina was our evangelist. Truly we know that he is a man of God and was sent by Him to our church and community—Eternity alone will reveal the good he has done.

From the very first message we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and see its wooing among the congregation, and especially among our young people. Young mothers and fathers, as well as the boys and girls, accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. One young husband and father, in a very definite and realistic manner, experienced the new birth, after service one night in his home, while Mr. and Mrs. Bowen was visiting. Another young husband was happily converted at his father's home while Mr. and Mrs. Bowen were having dinner with them. They left the table and let their dinner wait, for the salvation of that dear soul.

The last week of the meeting we had prayer meeting each afternoon in some one's home. My! they were sweet services. The Christians poured out their hearts in fervent prayer for the salvation of souls on their hearts. Some of these were saved.

There were 21 conversions and 18 joined our church. The baptismal service was held on Saturday afternoon at the Goldsboro F. W. B. Church pool.

Stoney Creek church has called Mr. Bowen as our pastor another year. We sincerely solicit the prayers of all Christians that we may do more for our Master and for

the upbuilding of His Kingdom on this earth than we have ever done before, also pray for Mr. Bowen that his work in this community will continue as it is already started, and much will be accomplished thru his Christian efforts, to the glory of Christ.

Mrs. J. C. Sasser

North Carolina State Sunday School Convention News

By L. E. Ballard, PUB. DIR.
Greenville, N. C.

At a meeting of representatives from Sunday Schools and District Sunday School Conventions of North Carolina, held with the Little Rock Church at Lucama September 10th, the North Carolina Sunday School Convention was organized, to operate under a constitution modeled after the plan of the National Sunday School Convention. While the number of schools represented was not as large as had been hoped for, the representation was very well distributed over the state. Rev. R. P. Harris presided over the meeting.

Highlights of the convention was the address at 11 a. m. of Mr. W. E. Coville, National Sunday School Secretary, who came from Nashville, Tennessee to assist in organizing the convention. He brought a wonderful message on "Preparation for a Great Work," using as his scripture basis the account of the preparation made by David for the building of the Temple. Mr. Coville spent a busy day in conference with various committees on convention plans, and plans for improving and supplementing literature for the Sunday Schools. The convention sermon delivered at 3 p. m. by Rev. L. R. Ennis, National Executive Secretary of the Free Will Baptist Church, on "Secret and Revealed Things," was a splendid carrying on of the theme introduced by Mr. Coville's address. Throughout the day the program

was enlivened with special music, arranged by Rev. E. C. Morris.

The following officers and directors were elected to carry on the work for the coming year:

President, Raymond T. Sasser, Lucama; Vice-President, James Ray Pittman, Ayden; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Warren, Greenville; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Allgood, Davis; Treasurer, Fountain Taylor, Richlands; Director of Organization, Rev. R. P. Harris, Kingston; Director of Publicity, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville; Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. Chester Pelt, Greenville; Director of Records and Reports, Mrs. Floyd Morris, Fremont; Director of Literature, Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

These officers comprise the Executive Board of the Convention which is intrusted with the responsibility of making arrangements for the next session. One petition for the next meeting was presented from Union Chapel in Beaufort County. Other Sunday Schools desiring the honor of entertaining the convention next year may send their petitions to the Secretary, and they will be considered along with the one from Union Chapel.

Prospects for much good to be accomplished by the newly organized convention are in evidence, limited only by the willingness of the Sunday schools of the state to co-operate. Any Sunday School, or Sunday School Superintendent desiring advice regarding proper organization, publicity, ways and means of promoting interests of our denominational enterprises, approved methods of keeping records and reports, proper literature for the school, are invited to correspond with the proper director listed herein, as all offer themselves as your servants in the interest of more progressive and efficient Sunday schools. These directors are going to be asked to submit (through the publicity department) suggestions for publication in our church organ, but your problem might not be dealt with thus, so you are invited not to wait but use us

now. All the services offered by the convention are available to all Sunday schools in the State, regardless of whether or not your school was represented in the convention.

Fredericktown Revival

Dear Co-Workers:

We count it a privilege in these days that we are living now, to be able to report another glorious revival with Brother S. A. Hand and his church, while sad things are all about us. God is still pouring out the blessed Holy Spirit on a few. We had an open air meeting with large crowds. You could feel the love and power of God from the first. We had splendid singing and specials every night. The meeting lasted 4 weeks and 53 were converted and reclaimed, 25 baptized and around 30 united with the church. Brother Hand and his people are planning to build a new red granite stone building soon.

At the close of the revival we organized a young woman's Auxiliary convention and many of the young husbands joined in and said they would help too. We appointed a corresponding secretary to take charge of the "Jehoida Chest" for national funds. You will see articles in the Baptist and also the Gem telling all about the Jehoida Chest.

The last day of the revival, we visited the Southeast Missouri yearly meeting and we organized a district auxiliary convention and later on we want to organize another, which will give two in that association. These Missouri people are moving forward in their noble work. Sister Dodd purchased a "Jehoida Chest" and took it back to Flat River for their local circles.

We came to the Illinois Yearly Association after leaving Missouri and we were rejoiced to find them carrying out the plans of the National Association. We assisted Brother Spurlock and Sister Curtis in organ-

izing a Woman's Auxiliary convention that takes in the Yearly Meeting. On the Fourth Sunday in this month we will meet this convention at the Rescue Church near Iva, Illinois and help them lay plans for the year. God bless the great move that is going on among our women. We want this to be the very best year of our lives in this great work. Pray much with me that "The Fast Plan" or the "Jehoida Chest Plan" get on our women's hearts and that we can raise funds for the national work.

Look out for the article on the "Jehoida Chest" with pictures to accompany.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

Our Orphanage

A home for our little ones,
God answers prayer;
By sending our Orphanage
We know Jesus cares.

With such good kind treatment
Our little ones do share;
God's blessings are with them
His word they can hear.

We should visit them often
'Tis a mission you know;
And carry a love gift—
Your joy will overflow.

To see their bright faces
Every Christian should go;
You'll leave there rejoicing
And happy I know.

Thank God for his blessing,
Should he call we can know;
That your child and my child
If in need, there can go.

Let's remember by sharing
A part of the load;
Thank God for our Orphanage
On Middlesex road.

—R. L. Cammady

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Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

The North Carolina State Association

The Twenty-eighth Annual session of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has passed into history. Many resolutions and recommendations were set forth and now the real history comes. If we put these into action it will mean progressive, influential, beneficial transactions for the good of the church—history that we shall prize and praise God for—however, if we only place these resolutions and suggestions on paper, and they lie dormant, then we will make history that will shame us and our children after us. The 1940 session was held with the Little Rock Church, Lucama, N. C.

Sermons and Devotions

The Devotions were begun Wednesday morning, September 11, by Rev. C. B. Thompson, of Ayden. He used as a subject for his talk, the words of Jesus, "Follow thou me." Brother Thompson, very forcefully, urged all ministers to "Follow Jesus in all work."

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. C. J. Harris delivered the Introductory sermon. Using as his subject, "The Bible" in which he forcefully and biblically set forth the facts that the "Bible is the inspired word of God." He scored the Modernist for disputing the fundamental doctrines as set forth by the Bible.

Rev. S. H. Oaks, of Rockingham, conducted the devotions for the afternoon session, using as his theme, "Spirit-Filled Life" saying, "what we need is the fire of God's word burning in our pulpits—in our hearts." Brother Oaks denounced, "cold, dry, formal sermons."

Rev. Henry Melvin brought the evening message, but as we were

not there, owing to the fact that we had to preach at Parker's Chapel, we did not get his message, however, we feel assured that it was all helpful to those who did hear it.

Thursday morning the devotions were conducted by Rev. W. R. Williams, who seemed to be filled with the spirit of devotions.

The Associational Sermon was delivered by Rev. Chester Peltz whose subject was "Denominational Enterprises" in which he set forth "the necessity for Foreign and Home missions, Christian education, superannuation," using Scripture to substantiate every claim. The message was timely, logical and Biblical, and delivered in a very efficient manner. He urged the reading of the Bible, saying, "Many had forgotten to read the Bible and kicked the family altar out of the backdoor."

Addresses and Short Talks

The National Educational program was presented by Rev. J. R. Bennett. In part, he said, "Nationally we are a united people and our aim is a Central Institution of learning that will meet the needs of our people throughout the nation." He showed much courage and enthusiasm toward the work, saying, "I am proud of the interest being manifested at this time." However, he urged that we "co-operate, and sacrifice in order to bring the desired results."

Rev. D. W. Alexander spoke of the Pittman Memorial Institute telling of its "benefits" and urged that "all ministers, as far as possible make arrangements to attend the 1941 session, at Davis.

Brother Alexander was followed by Rev. Clarence Bowen, president of the institute. He urged that the churches pay the necessary expense, saying, that, "It will make your pastor a better preacher," adding, "It has helped me, and I know that it will help you ministers, too."

Brother W. A. Jackson, chairman of the Orphanage Board, delivered the annual Orphanage Report. The report showed growth. Made those of us who love the Orphanage to feel better deep down in our soul.

Brother Jackson was followed by Rev. James A. Evans, superintendent who gave us a brief history of the institution and its work, saying, "The Orphanage at Middlesex was opened twenty years ago, during which time we have admitted 260 children. Many of these have gone out and are taking their places in honorable positions in life, some teachers, some nurses, farmers, etc. with one who is a minister." We were glad in the hearing of Superintendent Evans' message. We were informed that "eighty children are now in the home, and that the Institution was expecting fifty cents per member from every church in the state during this fall season." "It is necessary the fifty cents per member be paid in order to erect the new Dining Hall and to run the expenses. This amount will be split fifty-fifty."

Reports from Various Committees and Boards

The various reports were normal, with some improvements, while others fell some from last year. For instance, the Foreign Mission report, showed a slight decrease in the funds received. The report was read by the Moderator, Rev. M. E. Tyson, owing to the fact that Rev. W. L. Moretz, the Foreign Mission Secretary, has been sick for some time and was not able to attend.

Officers and Boards

Section Five of the By-Laws was changed so that there will be four members of the board, whose duties shall be to "raise money and build sentiment for the Foreign Mission program. Rev. W. B. Everett was elected chairman of this board."

The Church Extension board was dissolved and the proceeds on hand is to be turned over to the Church Finance Corporation. There were a few other changes which space fails us to mention.

The writer of *Notes and Quotes*, was elected Moderator and Rev. J. C. Moye was elected Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. W. Alford, Clerk, and Brother W. B. Crumpler, re-elected Treasurer.

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The Host Church

The congregation and the community, under the direction of Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, and ably assisted by her efforts, graciously cared for the convention. It was done with pleasure as manifested by all concerned.

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We Cannot Speak of Everything

We would enjoy telling everything that was done and said, and mention every name of those who helped in any way to make this one of the best sessions but we cannot; however, the most touching service was the Memorial Service conducted by Rev. Chester Pelt, assisted by other ministers in which the names of our deceased brethren, Rev. S. H. Styron, R. F. Pittman, A. L. Davidson, Cyrus Johnson, D. B. Garner, J. K. Ruffin, Z. P. Ferrell, W. T. Pollard, A. E. Rouse and others who have died since the last Memorial Service was held, which was conducted by Rev. S. H. Styron, now deceased, in the year of 1934.

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Aged Ministers Present

Brothers L. T. Phillips, J. H. Worley and H. R. Faircloth, all being unable to work but little, were present and hymns were sung and offerings made to them in which we were

all made to rejoice in seeing and hearing them.

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Rev. George D. Dunbar

Rev. George D. Dunbar, of Chuckey, Tennessee, was present as a visitor, who brought some very encouraging remarks concerning the work in his State.

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State Evangelist

Rev. M. E. Tyson was elected as State Evangelist. After his election he said, in part, "I am planning to purchase a large tent and secure a gospel singer, and be ready for the field during the spring of 1941, and invited the co-operation of all in the work." We do not remember all that he said.

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Old-Fashion Closing

The Association was closed by all singing "Blest Be the Tie" led by Rev. Robert Wiggs, of North Zulch, Texas, and a handshaking with farewells, amidst tears and rejoicing by many.

P. S.—If we have failed (and we have) to cover everything as it should be, and to quote verbatim, just charge it to our ignorance, and to the lack of space.

Program

The following is a program of the Western Association of the Free Will Baptist Church to be held at Tippetts Chapel, Wake County, Wednesday and Thursday after the Second Sunday in October.

The church is located about three miles northwest of Clayton. To locate the church follow No. 70 highway west of Clayton until you pass the railroad underpass and turn

north about ½ mile and follow dirt road to church.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00—Devotions, by Rev. J. H. Worley
- 9:30—Moderator's message
- 9:40—Enrollment of ministers
- 10:00—Appointment of committees
- 10:15—Business period
- 11:15—Devotional period by Rev. W. R. Williams
- 11:30—Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotions, by Rev. B. B. Richardson
- 1:30—Special music to be arranged
- 1:35—Recording of visiting ministers
- 1:40—Calling of churches
- 2:30—Business period.
- 3:00—Adjournment

Wednesday Evening


- 7:30—Devotions by Rev. J. F. Parrish
- 8:00—Sermon by Rev. W. E. Anderson

Thursday Morning

- 9:00—Devotions by Rev. Dee Bissette
- 9:15—Report of Committees
- 10:20—Business Period
- 10:30—Address, Rev. R. B. Spencer
- 11:00—Ordination Service
- 11:30—Sermon, by Rev. W. A. Hales
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, by Rev. M. L. Cummings
- 1:15—Business Period
- 2:45—Election of officers
- 3:00—Adjournment
- R. N. Hinnant, *Prog. Com.*


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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

To Central Auxiliary Convention

The Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Central district of North Carolina will convene with the church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on September 25. The members and pastor of this church are looking forward to this event with expectant joy, and they are planning to make the day a very pleasant one for you. They

want you to be there. This church is located on highway No. 43 entering Rocky Mount from Pine Tops, in residential section, across the street opposite the Edgemont School. Those coming from Tarboro will enter highway No. 43 to the left on entering Rocky Mount. Plan now to be there and help make this a record day for our convention.

Yours for a good convention,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard

Missionary Efforts

(Continued from page three)

bye and on our way to Miami, Florida, the last point on our way going south.

Our trip covered 4,744 miles from the 18th of June till the 8th of August. In many places we came into communities under very unfavorable conditions, when farmers were working hard and the markets had not opened, but under every incident our people responded and assured us that they are interested in our effort to preach the Gospel to those who have never heard. We are counting on each of you, our folk, to stand back of us, it is out of the question to think of doing anything worth while as a denomination unless you do so.

At the present time we need transportation funds to get us on the field. There are many things we would like to take to the field with us, things impossible for us to get down there, if we do not get them we shall go happily to the field just the same. We have learned that things we once considered vital are not always so vital after all compared to the value of ever dying souls. "The things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."

Five years ago in Cristobal, Canal Zone, I met and had a time of Christian fellowship with the head of the Northern Baptist Mission department of South and Central America. During the course of our conversation one day on the work of our denomination he inferred that the government we represented was doomed to failure, that the Free Will Baptist were apt to leave me stranded. I expressed myself just as definitely to the contrary. I am even stronger in my convictions that we shall be a success, though what we do on the field must be with a greater amount of sacrificial giving. Considering the size of our representative bodies those who are supporting the missionary program are in the minority. We have a young couple trained and willing to go to the mission field, and the way ought to be made possible for them to begin at least a year's training in a missionary institute in South or Central America for special language study.

We will receive our mail for some time, addressed to my sister, Thomas H. Willey, c/o Dr. Lydia Mason, 120 N. W. 8th Avenue, Miami, Fla. This will then be forwarded on to my field address.

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Revival St. John's Church, Patrick, South Carolina

Our revival meeting began Sunday morning August 4, at St. John Church of Patrick, South Carolina. Our Pastor, Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina did most of the preaching. Those helping in the meeting from Rockingham were Rev. A. J. Bacot, Rev. Steve English, Eldridge (Son) Clark, blind musician, as pianist and M. L. McGill led the singing. We had an old time revival, with many souls blessed. The Church was benefited much spiritually and we had 37 conversions. Of these 18 joined the Church. On Sunday August 11 at 3:00 p. m. we had the baptizing, there were 14 baptized. Pray much for these souls that they may ever abide in the Lord, and for us that we might strive to do the work of the Master.

Mrs. Rosa Lee McLain

Letter from Canal Zone

Dear Friends:

I recently left Bryan, Tex., where I have my membership, accepting a position with the United States Government in the Panama, Canal Zone.

Having been down here I can better understand the great need this country has of our missionaries, Brother and Sister Willey. My recent trip into the interior convinced me even more definitely. I have always been greatly in sympathy with the Foreign Missionary program of our church and supported it, but seeing the great need here increases my desire to do something for the advancement of the work.

I am urging our people through the papers, as a means of reaching them, to rally in a greater effort to raise transportation funds for our missionary family to speedily return to Panama. Not only does the native population need missionaries but all about are our people civilians, soldiers and sailors who need the

Gospel in its simplicity and power. I have met numbers here who are acquainted with the Willeys, and are interested in their return. Personally I am anxiously awaiting their return to Panama and hope to be a help to this department of our denomination in getting a mission established in this needy country.

I trust you will remember to pray for my family and me as we live here in the Canal Zone.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Cloud

Program

The following is the Union Meeting Program for Sunday at La Grange on the Fifth Sunday in September for the fourth union.

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions, led by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- Address of Welcome by J. T. Herring
- Response by Mrs. Ray Smith
- 11:15—Song and collection taken for Orphanage
- Sermon, Rev. M. E. Tyson
- Appointment of program and finance committees
- 12:00—Dismissal for lunch

Sunday Afternoon

- 1:20—Devotion led by Mrs. A. L. Summerlin
- Business session
- Program by the Ladies Aid of Stantonburg

Miss Fannie Sasser, *Chn.*,
Mrs. C. W. Owens,
Mrs. J. S. Jones

Program

Program of the First Union Meeting, of Western Association will be held with Union Grove Church, Wayne County, on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1940.

All ministers and delegates are urged to be present for the

Morning Session

- 9:30—Song service by congregation—Devotional, Rev. Rommie Mitchell
- 9:45—Address of Welcome, Mrs. Bagley Morris
- 9:50—Response, by Mrs. Major Williams
- Remarks by moderator
- 10:00—Reading of minutes
- Roll call of ministers
- 10:15—Roll call of churches
- 11:00—Special music—Union Grove
- Song by congregation
- Sermon, Rev. J. H. Worley
- 12:00—Dinner

Afternoon Session

- 1:10—Devotionals, Rev. W. G. Pike
 - 1:20—Business
 - 2:00—Report of committees
 - 2:30—Petition for next union
 - 2:45—Report of treasurer
 - 3:00—Adjourn with song and prayer
- Hardy Talton, *Committee*

Program

Program for Union Meeting of the Second District of the Central Conference to be held with Bethany Church, Pitt County, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1940.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotions, by Leo Tripp
- 9:45—Remarks, by the moderator
- 10:00—Business Period
- 10:45—Round Table Talk for the Good of the Union
- 11:00—Special Music
- 11:15—Sermon, by Elder C. J. Harris
- 12:00—Dinner

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Business Period

- 2:00—Temperance, led by Elder M. A. Woodard, followed by others

- 2:30—Report of committees and adjournment

By the Committee:

D. W. Alexander,
W. B. Nobles,
E. C. Hines

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(Lesson for September 29)

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"Oh what joy it will be when His face I behold,

Living gems at His feet to lay down;

It would sweeten my bliss in the city of gold,
Should there be any stars in my crown."

It is very fine for us to be singing about the living gems, but it is even finer to be doing the hard work—the praying, and the teaching, and the personal work which are necessary. When Mrs. Booth, the wife of the first Salvation Army General, was lying in state before her funeral, a woman was asked by one of the ushers to move on. She replied, "I have a right to look on that dear face. I walked forty miles for the privilege. She recovered my wayward girl from a life of sin and turned the feet of my boy into the paths of righteousness."—H. M. H.

"Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may hold on to the life which is life indeed" (1 Tim. 6: 17-19, A. S. V.)—Paul.

"The liberal soul shall be made

fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." This is one of the lessons written large on the pages of Holy Scripture, and on the pages of human experience. Think of the men who have brought blessing into the lives of multitudes, and you will admit that they have been men and who gave themselves, and their substance, for the good of others. Some years ago, when I was preaching at the tabernacle, Glasgow (Scotland), the dear Pastor Findlay told me of a present he had received as a golden wedding gift. He had been given the sum of £7000 (\$35,000). He said to me, pointing to his hand, "Not a penny stuck there." He showed me bundles of letters from missionaries all over the world. He had passed on to them this great sum for their work of faith and labor of love.—MacFadyen..

I. Lesson High Points

In this lesson we see the wisdom of living for eternity. We have a series of contrasts in which we see the folly of selfishness, worldliness, covetousness, and the wisdom of Godliness and generosity. One man lives for time, the other, for eternity; one covets mammon, the other, the "true riches" (Luke 16: 11). Note the consequences of the man who lives unto himself and unto the world. His stinginess leads to poverty (Proverbs 11: 24); he is cursed by those who suffer through his greed (vs. 26); evil returns on his own head (vs. 27); his covetousness brings his own downfall (vs. 28); he must reap as he sows (vs. 31); living unto himself he is not only hated by man, in time he comes to hate God and all things spiritual and eternal (Luke 16: 13). On the other hand, see the blessings which follow those who are righteous, those whose righteousness is found in Christ (Philippians 3: 9), and whose good works are the result of God's work of grace in the soul (Eph. 2: 10). Giving bountifully they are blessed bountifully (Prov. 11: 25); blessed by those whom they serve (vs. 27; Acts 9: 39); made

fruitful and permanent as a "tree of life" (Prov. 11: 30), ever bearing fruit in its season (Ps. 1: 3); living for souls eternity, such are counted truly wise by God (Prov. 11: 30). It is the highest wisdom therefore to give God our whole-hearted allegiance (Luke 16: 13) and to live for the riches that abide (1 Timothy 6: 17-19).—A. H.

II. Lesson Illustration

Use and abuse of wealth! I will abuse my wealth if I withhold it from such a missionary as "South America" describes: "L—— is my neighbor. I do not see her very often, she is too busy with her family of about 200 rescue cases—cripples, blind, deaf, dumb, imbecile, cast-offs, waifs and strays, throw-away babies, dying people. She can never get away for a vacation, even if she had the money, for no one but L—— could manage that unmanageable bunch of her 'Home.' In any case she has not the money, for missionaries' salaries are pretty tightly stretched these days to cover all the need, and before she receives hers at all, almost half of it is subtracted and sent home to provide nursing and comforts for her aged, bedridden mother. So L—— goes on, tirelessly effacing herself, eating scraps of Indian food, getting along without all sorts of comforts and helps that she ought to have. She, herself, cuts wood in the jungles for the 'Home' wood supply, passing herself out to the helpless and needy ones around her day and night. At home in Nebraska lies the dear old mother, waiting for one more sight of her daughter, while the understaffed mission has asked L—— to stay here one year more before she goes on furlough. If you see nothing heroic in my neighbor, put yourself in her place and study your own reactions."—R. K. G.

III. Home Work

1. What illustration of a rich niggard is given in the Old Testament? (1 Sam. 25: 2-11, 36-38).
2. What has God promised to the

soul that is generous in helping others? (Prov. 19:17; Isaiah 32: 8).

3. Why was Paul the right man to urge Christians to sacrificial giving? (Acts 20: 33-35).

4. What proper and tactful reasons does Paul advance for Christian liberality? (2 Corinthians 8: 8, 9, 11-15; 9: 2-4).

5. What are some of the results of Christian liberality? (2 Cor. 9:12-14).

6. What is God's commandment to those of His children who are rich in this world's goods? (1 Timothy 6:17).

7. What kind of riches in the life of a believer is acceptable and pleasing to God? (2 Cor. 8: 1, 2).

8. Can a man rob God—and get away with it? The condition of the world today gives the answer. We also rob God when we refuse Him time to study our Sunday School lessons. Consult our own quarterlies for many priceless truths.

Letter from Columbia, N. C.

Dear Baptist Readers:

Our revival meeting began at Sound Side, Tyrrell County, on Monday night after the 4th Sunday in July and continued through the 1st Sunday night in August. Rev. J. P. Woodard did the preaching and our pastor Rev. J. C. Griffin led the singing. Mr. Woodard delivered some very stirring messages and we feel that all of us were brought closer to the foot of Calvary's Cross. Both our pastor and Mr. Woodard worked very earnestly with the church members as well as the unsaved. There were five who confessed Christ as their personal Saviour and followed in Baptism and one who had been baptised but wished fellowship with our church. May God richly bless these new followers of Christ in our prayers and may we all strive to do more for the "Kingdom of God" in the future than we have in the past.

We were also very fortunate to have with us Miss Gladys Baxter, of Mississippi who worked with our little folks. They learned many new choruses and Bible verses which they memorized each evening.

All in all we had a grand meeting. We feel that our community was greatly revived and everyone enjoy-

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On the night of August 26, Rev. J. C. Griffin came to Sandy Plain Church for the purpose of holding a revival. Much interest was shown from the start. People from the different churches in the community came and worshipped with us. Everyone seemed to get a great blessing from the wonderful messages which they listened to. Many church members reconsecrated their lives to the Lord and went to work trying to get others to accept Christ. Two came for church membership, one to become a member of Cabin Church, the other one a member of Sandy Plain Church.

We were glad to have our pastor, Rev. Howard Pipkin, with us in most of the services. He took an active part in trying to get sinners to turn to Christ.

On the last night of the meeting Brother Sam Kennedy, son of Rev. G. W. Kennedy, from Cabin Church, made a confession that he had been saved and God was calling him to preach. Also Brother Rashie Kennedy, son of Rev. R. C. Kennedy, confessed that God was calling him to preach. Several others testified that they had been saved and they asked for prayer that they might follow Christ.

The meeting closed on September 4, giving Brother Griffin an invitation to come this way again next year at this same time.

We had prayer meeting the next night. After the benediction one young man came to the front and confessed that he had been saved and wanted to join the church.

This was the most soul-stirring revival, we have had in a long time. We are asking the prayers of all God's people that we might continue to abide in his love.

Mrs. Rashie Kennedy,
Pink Hill, N. C.

Foreign Mission Report

Report of Foreign Mission work of the North Carolina State Association for the year September 1, 1939 to August 31, 1940.

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Report for September, 1939

Mrs. Ruby Everton	1.00
L. A. S., St. Mary's Church, Wilson County	2.00
State League Convention	25.00
Hugo Mission Society	1.25
Collection at State Association	5.03
Hopewell Church	3.25
L. A. S., White Oak Church	2.00
Collection, Auxiliary Convention, Central Conference	4.66
State League Convention	25.00
Auxiliary Convention, Central Conference	4.00
Mrs. Lilly Smith	1.00
Missionary Helpers Society, Beaufort Church	3.00
State Association	30.00
Total for September, 1939	\$107.19

Report for October, 1939

Junior F. W. B. L., Free Union Church, Beaufort County	.75
Albemarle Auxiliary Convention	4.75
L. A. S., Shady Grove Church	4.00
S. S., White Oak Church	8.85
Leagues of Edgemont F. W. B. Church	11.24
S. S., Swannanoa Church	8.31
F. W. B. L., Swannanoa Church	.66
Greenville F. W. Baptist Church	4.00
Auxiliary Convention of the Fourth Union, Central Conference	8.08
Total for October, 1939	\$50.64

Report for November, 1939

Carteret County Union Meeting	3.00
Second Union, Central Conference, by Rev. W. A. Dail	3.20
Hull Road Church	10.00
Hugo Mission Society	1.10
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill	10.00
F. W. B. L., Free Union Church, Beaufort County	.50
Missionary Society, Bridgeton Church	5.00
Third Union, Eastern Association	5.00
Cape Fear Association	20.00
Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church	5.00
L. A. S., Horney Heights Church	1.00
Mrs. Willett L. Moretz	1.00
F. W. B. L., Wintergreen Church	1.40
Total for November, 1939	\$66.20

Report for December, 1939

Missionary Helpers Society, Beaufort Church	5.00
Mt. Mariah Church	1.00
S. S., Reedy Branch Church	6.00
Mrs. Willett L. Moretz	1.00
Stacy Mission Circles	1.40
L. A. S., White Oak Church	2.00
Hopewell Church	3.70
S. S., Kinston Church	1.00
Total for December, 1939	\$21.10

Report for January, 1940

Auxiliary Convention, Fourth Union, Central Conference	2.00
Carteret County Union	3.00
Miss Lucy Warren	1.00
J. C. Griffin Sr. F. W. B. L., Sound Side Church	1.10
Mrs. J. J. Everton	1.00
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill	65.66
S. S., Swannanoa Church	3.88
Total for January, 1940	\$77.64

Report for February, 1940

L. A. S., Shady Grove Church	1.00
Mrs. Willett L. Moretz	1.00
Miss Daisy Davis	.50
Second Union Meeting, Central Conference, by W. A. Dail	.95
L. A. S., Kinston Church	2.50
State League Convention	21.00
Total for February, 1940	\$26.95

Report for March, 1940

Third Union, Western Association	12.20
L. A. S., White Oak Church	2.00
Collection, Greenville and Gum Swamp L. A. S. (Prayer Week)	3.25
L. A. S., Grimsley Church	5.00
Missionary Society, Little Rock Church	2.00
E. D. Jaynes	1.00
S. S., Swannanoa Church	7.00
Total for March, 1940	\$32.45

Report for April, 1940

Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill	15.00
Missionary Society, Greenville Church	2.00
L. A. S., White Oak Church	4.00
Carteret County Union Meeting	2.50
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill	2.97
L. A. S., St. Mary's Church, Wilson County	2.00
Auxiliary Convention, Cape Fear Association	2.50
Auxiliary Convention, Pee Dee Association	.50

S. S., White Oak Church	10.50
Missionary Society, Greenville Church	5.00
Total for April, 1940	\$46.97

Report for May, 1940

Miss Lucy Warren	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz	1.00
L. A. S., Sts. Delight Church	2.00
Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson	5.00
First District Union Meeting, Western Association	5.00
Total for May, 1940	\$14.00

Report for June, 1940

Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 1.12
L. A. S., White Oak Church	2.00
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, Levi Hill	5.00
Missionary Society, Hugo Church	2.80
Missionary Society, Davis Church	25.00
L. A. S., Prospect Church	1.00
Total for June, 1940	\$36.92

Report for July, 1940

Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill	\$ 1.76
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill	6.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz	1.00
Second Union Meeting, Central Conference, by Rev. W. A. Dail	1.96
F. W. B. State Auxiliary	19.35
L. A. S., St. Mary's Church, Wilson County	2.00
S. S., Swannanoa Church	7.50
Friend, sent by Mrs. M. A. Woodard	2.50
Third Union Meeting, Western Association	11.15
White Oak Church	7.71
Total for July, 1940	\$60.93

Report for August, 1940

Entwistle F. W. Baptist Church	\$ 1.60
Carteret County Union Meeting	2.00
Greenville F. W. B. Church	6.24
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz	1.00
Total for August, 1940	\$10.84

Grand total for the year September 1, 1939 to August 31, 1940	\$551.83
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Respectfully submitted,

Willet L. Moretz,

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He sat by a fire of seven-fold heat,
As He watched by the precious ore,
And closer He bent with a searching gaze
As He heated it more and more.

He knew He had ore that could stand the test,
And He wanted the finest gold
To mold as a crown for the King to wear,
Set with gems with a price untold.

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,
Tho we fain would have said Him "Nay,"
And He watched the dross that we had not seen,
And it melted and passed away.

And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright;
But our eyes were so dim with tears,
We saw but the fire—not the Master's hand—
And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow,
As it mirrored a Form above
That bent o'er the fire, though unseen by us
With a look of ineffable love.

Can we think that it pleased His loving heart
To cause us a moment's pain?
Ah, no! but He saw through the present cross
The bliss of eternal gain.

So He waited there with a watchful eye,
With a love that is strong and sure,
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat
Than was needed to make it pure.

—Anonymous

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Repentance

By C. J. Harris

Text: God "Now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17: 30).

Genuine repentance means to turn away from sin to have such sorrow for sin as produces a reformation of life. It implies the relinquishment of any practice, from the conviction that it has offended God. Repentance, therefore, consists in a change of purpose, a change of heart, which means a change of life, or a conversion from sin to God. For "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7: 10).

In theology, repentance is distinguished into evangelical and legal. The former usually called repentance, simply, is real penitence, sorrow, or deep contrition for sin as an offense and dishonor to God. It is a violation of His holy law and the basest ingratitude toward a Being of infinite love and benevolence. Evangelical repentance is accompanied and followed by amendment of life. The sorrow proceeding merely from the fear of punishment is called legal penalties, and it may exist without an amendment of life.

But true Gospel repentance or "repentance unto life," is sorrow for sin, grief for having committed it, and turning away from it with abhorrence, accompanied with sincere endeavors in reliance on God's grace and the influence of the Holy Spirit, to live in humble and holy obedience to the commands and will of God. This is the kind of that repentance which always accompanies true faith, and to which is promised the free forgiveness of sin through the merits of the atoning blood of Christ.

Repentance is a subject of vast importance. For God, "Now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," began on this wise. "The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he

came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Luke 3: 2, 3). "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" was the great theme of the distinguished wilderness preacher. "Bring forth, therefore, fruits meet for repentance" cried the great man of God. "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan confessing their sins" (Matthew 3: 5, 6). "But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him" (Luke 7: 30).

Jesus being the way, the head of the church, and the example of all who are saved by faith in Him, came to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him in the River Jordan. He was without sin, holy and just. "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3: 16, 17).

"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Luke 4: 1). "Being forty days tempted of the devil." And during that time Jesus ate nothing, but He came out victorious. "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4: 17). Again He said, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1: 15). When Jesus sent forth the twelve by two and two, "They went out, and preached that men should repent" (Mark 6: 12). Said Jesus, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2: 17). More

joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3: 19).

After his conversion, Paul preached first to them of "Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (Acts 26: 20). Listen to the great apostle: "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5: 30, 31).

Christ suffered, died and arose from the dead on the third day, "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24: 46, 47). Christ had entrusted Peter with the keys of the kingdom, and on the Day of Pentecost, he preached Jesus and Him crucified until his hearers were pierced to the heart. They believed Peter's preaching. They cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2: 38). As the gospel began in Jerusalem, so it should be preached into all the world.

The necessity of repentance was proclaimed by the Son of God on the isle of Patmos long after his ascension to His Father. He that hath an ear let him hear. "Repent and do the first works; or else I will

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EDITORIAL

The National Program—

The editor of the Baptist paper is greatly pleased with the recent progressive set-up of the National Association which convened with the church at Paintsville in Kentucky. He sees in the new plans for the outstanding phases of the denominational work; namely, the National Program of Education, Superannuation, Missions (home and foreign), definiteness of purpose, logical organization of each department with properly designated Boards as operative heads, and a clear vision of the present and the future needs of the church at large. He has for years wished for this kind of National Program to be set up and to be put in successful operation. The whole arrangement seems logical, shows that definite plans have been worked out by intelligent individuals, and it is, with the proper exercise of the progressive spirit of leadership and of the wholehearted co-operative work of the local church officials and the membership, to result into great success.

The naming and election of an Executive Secretary (whose duty shall be the responsibility of unifying and supervising the denominational program) in the recent National Association was a progressive step in the direction of national organization and unity of up-to-date church procedure. Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro is the man whom the Executive Committee of the National Association elected to fill this important position. His work, as soon as time will permit it to be put into operation, will, with the co-operation of the different Board officials, begin to show gratifying results it is hoped. The editor of the Baptist paper is desirous of the greatest achievement of the National Program, and wishes to encourage

each member of the different National Boards in the forward movement of the National work. Gladly will he give space in the columns of the Baptist for the boosting, advertising and reporting of all phases of the National Church Program. Articles of interest, reports of financial results, and other data concerning the work will be gladly received, and due consideration shall be granted to each without delay.

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State Program—

Following the National set-up, it is natural to suppose that the Free Will Baptists in the different states will seek to strengthen their State and local organizations. All the way from the State Association of churches to the local church units of work there is expected to take place, as time passes, the launching forth of a more unified and organized group of church workers. Such organizations and accomplishments of group and individual efforts will be excellent material for news items and interesting reports for the church papers. As in the case of National achievements, for the coming months, making splendid facts for publication in the papers, just so the State and local units of accomplishments will serve as well for publication. Therefore, the editors welcome the news of denominational work wherever the Free Will Baptist church is operating.

Rev. M. E. Tyson of Pikeville, North Carolina, having been elected as Field Secretary and State Evangelist for the State of North Carolina, in the recent State Association which convened at Lucama, will, it is expected, do a splendid work in organizing and unifying the State work by setting up a State Program in line with the National

work. In view of this forward step for the state work, the editor is glad to assure Brother Tyson his hearty co-operation, and wish to request that he use the columns of the Baptist from time to time to keep the state work before the people.

Notes and Quotes

By J. C. Griffin

Salvation

"I was saved, then, in about one year I was sanctified; then in about another year I was baptized with the Holy Ghost" said a gentleman some time ago. As I thought on this testimony, I began to wonder, and this thought came to me with force, "If that brother had died during the first or second year what would have become of him?" For as I understand the Bible, it plainly teaches that one must be "sanctified" and, also, "baptized with the Holy Ghost" before he can get to heaven. And if this is true, then what good was the man's salvation during that year that God kept him from being sanctified, or perhaps he kept himself from being sanctified?

Let's Notice Some Scripture

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12: 14). Here we are taught that we must be Holy before we can see the Lord.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5: 8). Christ teaches that our hearts must be pure to see God. So a pure heart is equal to holiness according to Christ and Paul. Christ says our "heart must be pure" and Paul says it takes "holiness to see the Lord."

Some Definitions

"Sanctification — act of sanctifying or state of being sanctified, the act of, or process of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified, or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God also the state of being thus

purified—Sanctified—made holy.”—*Webster*. So Webster says that “To be sanctified is to be holy.” So if man is saved, but cannot “see God until his heart is made pure” according to Jesus, and that “Holiness” entitles a person to “see the Lord” according to Paul, I again ask what would have become of that fellow who was “saved” but waited a whole year before he was made holy.”

Scofield's Definition of Salvation

“The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, preservation, healing, and soundness. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes: as justification, redemption, grace, propitiation, imputation, forgiveness, sanctification, and glorification.”—*Scofield*. The Brother who had received salvation, but had to wait a year before he was sanctified contradicted one of the world's greatest Bible Teachers. He disputed Webster's definition. And he professed something that the Bible does not teach, as we see it. If it teaches (The Bible) that we must be sanctified before we get to heaven, I again ask, “What would have become of the poor fellow had he died before his year was gone—that first year?”

The Believer Is Entitled to Sanctification

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes, I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which believe on me through thy word” (John 17: 17-20.) Here Jesus prays that every “believer may be sanctified.” When is this sanctification to set in? It belongs to the believer.

Jesus prayed for our sanctification. Did He mean that we might be sanctified after two or three years

of believing—after regeneration—after being born again—after passing from death unto life—after being made a child of God—or did He mean when we become a believer in Christ? We Free Will Baptists believe that Sanctification Begins with the New Birth. We believe that God's work is perfect. However, we do not believe in staying an infant always; we believe in “growing in grace, and the saving knowledge of our Lord.” Our sanctification is to continue, as we continue to believe in, and obey Christ. See our Treatise of Faith, and get the Bible truth as believed by Free Will Baptists.

The Eastern (N. C.) Auxiliary Convention

The Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern District of North Carolina of F. W. Baptist women convened with the church at Holly Springs, September the 19th. The meeting was an inspirational feast to all of those interested in the work. These women endorsed the National Program and accepted an obligation of \$275.00 to be raised this year by the societies for the Educational set-up. The attendance was good, the Spirit of the Lord was manifested, and in general it was one of the best conventions ever held in the District. And the church at Holly Springs really showed its hospitality in entertaining the convention.

Executive Secretary Elected

By Henry Melvin, CHN.,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For several years there has been a growing consciousness among F. W. Baptists that we needed to unify the work of our denomination. This consciousness was so keenly felt at the last session of the National Association that steps toward a unified denominational program were undertaken.

The first step in this program was the election of a General Board,

composed of the standing officers of the National body, chairman of each standing Board and one member elected from each state active in the Association, to inaugurate and pursue such a unified program. The scope of the work is such that it is an impossibility to promote such a program through standing boards alone.

The Executive Committee of the General Board so readily saw this that steps were taken to elect and secure the services of a National Executive Secretary. The duties of such an Executive Secretary shall be the prosecution of a unified denominational program as outlined by the standing boards and the General Board of the National Association.

With a unanimous vote, the Executive Committee elected Rev. L. R. Ennis as National Executive Secretary. It is the purpose of the Committee to locate the Executive Secretary at some central point as soon as practicable, but for the present an office is being maintained at 709 Park Avenue, Goldsboro, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Ennis is not a stranger to Free Will Baptists. He attended the Free Will Baptist Seminary, Campbell College, Moody Bible Institute, Duke University and did research work at Northern Bible College. Mr. Ennis for a number of years pastored some of the leading churches in the eastern section of North Carolina. In all his career as a minister, he has been most profoundly an outstanding doctrinal preacher. He possess a rare gift in dealing with the great fundamental doctrines of the Word as well as being “In possession of rare gifts as an evangelist.” Mr. Ennis has also had wide experience in Sunday School Administration and Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

As chairman of the Executive Committee, may I plead for the whole hearted support of our people everywhere as our Executive Secretary seeks to lead us in an aggressive program for the expansion of our denomination as well as to glorify the name of Christ.



News and Views of Our Young People

Edited by Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard
P. O. Box 708, Greenville, N. C.

I think our League Quarterly has been the richest this quarter, than it has ever been. Surely our Leagues, who have studied these lessons diligently and have applied the wonderful truths found therein are much stronger Christians and much better workers in the Master's vineyard among our young people. We are deeply indebted to Rev. Clarence Bowen for our Senior League Quarterly, with which I am best acquainted, since I work with our group of Seniors. However, we would not forget to thank the editors of the other Quarterlies, whose messages to the Intermediate and Juniors and Primaries are equally as helpful and instructive in the building up of God's Kingdom in these groups.

As I studied the program for the 29th of September, I thought I might give you an outline by which you might pattern the giving of this splendid message on the Good Shepherd, trusting this will meet with Brother Bowen's approval.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Opening Song—"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Prayer.

Scripture Lesson: John 10: 11-15.

Special—(duet or solo) The Ninety & Nine.
Introduction and displaying of Poster—
by Leader

The Message of the hour as given in the quarterly, to be given by several Leaguers.
Poem—"He Leadeth Me."

Closing Song—"Saviour, Lead Me Lest I Stray."

League Benediction.

Do you have an artist in your League? If so put her to work to help to advertise your League Programs. Here is a suggestion for a very striking Poster: Find you a very colorful picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and place in the center of your cardboard 12" X 18" in the foreground place sheep, which you have cut from Sunday School cards or some other picture. In the background draw some wolves, which are in the attitude of descending upon the innocent sheep, but the shepherd stands between as a protection. On these wolves, print the names of the wolves, which are given in the lesson.

If you could make your poster before Wednesday and display it in the entrance of your church until Sunday evening do so, then carry it to your League assembly for display during the program.

"HE LEADETH ME"

"He leadeth me"—by the cataract
Where the wild waters roar;
And I think that peace and quietness
Will be mine never more:
But, "He leadeth me", and just beyond
I find the still waters of love—
And stiller they seem because of the roar
Of the cascade up above!

"He maketh me lie down—on a stone,
Sometimes, in the desert bare;
But in the night I dream sweet dreams,
And angels meet me there;
And my soul is given a vision rare,
Which no mortal eye hath seen—
And just beyond my bed of stone
I find the pastures green!

—L. E. B.

INSTITUTE

Now that summer and the time of vacationing and play, which have cost your F. W. B. L. some of its interest and zeal for work, is over, are you ready to settle down to real honest-to-goodness work in your Leagues? However you feel that you need a little help. Well, your Field Secretary will be delighted to be of any service that she can. If you desire to have an institute please advise me at your earliest possible moment. I have the fourth week in October open, (October 20) as well as the entire month of November.

DIRECTORY

Say, are your Leaguers sleepy, or just what is wrong that you don't have time to sit down and send me a card with a list of your officers on it? Our directory is still incomplete. Just as soon as it is complete, we will publish it. Thanks.

Announcement

(1) I have started to school at Wilson, North Carolina and my new address is:

Rev. Chester Pelt,
P. O. Box 681,
Wilson, North Carolina

(2) At the State Association I was elected by the Foreign Mission Board to the office of Secretary and Treasurer in the place of Brother Moretz.

F. W. B. Orphanage Report for August, 1940

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand August 1, 1940--\$	613.75
Religious Organizations -----	189.65
Parents and Relatives -----	2.00
Concerts -----	924.24
Sale (Farm Goods) -----	18.60
Refunds -----	2.34
Individuals -----	3.00
Superintendent (Printing Press -----	
Board Meeting -----	4.60
Petty Cash -----	42.60
Aid Societies -----	48.00
Total -----	\$1,848.78

EXPENDITURES

Salaries -----	\$ 312.11
Office Supplies -----	12.10
Telephone and Telegraph -----	6.73
Insurance (Trailer) -----	2.05
Class Managers Salary -----	117.50
Board members Expense -----	16.56
Concert Class Expense -----	68.17
Food -----	176.75
Petty Cash -----	42.60
Clothing -----	36.10
Household Supplies -----	93.38
Recreation -----	7.75
Transportation -----	112.40
Travel (Superintendent) -----	7.50
Health Supplies (Medicine) -----	5.29
Hospital Expense (Billy Powell and Irene Watson) -----	18.90
Lights -----	15.84
Farm Supplies -----	68.52

Total -----	\$1,120.25
Balance on Hand Sept. 1 -----	728.53
	\$1,848.78

CASH RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Balance on hand -----	\$ 613.75
Concert Class (Broughton) -----	71.14
Dawsons Grove Church -----	5.12
Free Will Baptist Press (by Superintendent) -----	4.60
Spring Branch Sunday School -----	1.75
Concert Class (Edgerton) Grims- ley Church -----	2.00
Homer Chapel Church -----	5.00
Wilson Church (By John Smith) (Broughton) -----	5.00
Concert Class (Edgerton) -----	112.59
Swannanoa L. A. S. -----	5.00
Sale of Hogs -----	12.00
First F. W. B. Church Sunday School (Jacksonville Fla.) -----	17.00
Sale of Jars -----	1.20
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Core Creek Sunday School -----	5.72
Wardens Grove Church -----	2.00
Arrington Heights Church -----	4.30
Davis Sunday School -----	5.00
Albemarle Sunday School con- vention and Union -----	70.36
White Oak Church -----	3.31

Entwistle Church	8.28
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Cedar Hill Church and Sunday School	1.43
W. A. Jackson (Refund on traveling)	2.34
Moseleys Creek Sunday School	4.75
Concert Class (Broughton)	81.10
Sale of Jars	2.00
Sunbeam Bible Class	5.00
Sale of Jars	1.00
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E. C. Morris (The Challenging Quarter)	11.60
Mrs. J. E. Todd	2.00
Concert Class (Edgerton)	144.85
Concert Class (Broughton)	109.69
Concert Class (Broughton)	48.19
Union Chapel Church	6.25
Union Chapel Sunday School	2.13
Rain Cross Roads Church	7.60
Stacey Church	4.00
Mrs. Nancy Allen	2.00
Goldsboro Sunday School	6.05
Concert Class (Edgerton)	126.76
Winterville Sunday School	3.00
Concert Class (Gum Swamp S. School Folder) (Edgerton)	6.18
Bessie Carraway	1.00
Concert Class (Daughtry)	107.50
Concert Class (Edgerton)	98.89
Concert Class (Young Folks and Adults Sunday School Class Lee's Chapel Church, Folders) (Broughton)	10.35
Sale of Jars .....	.80
Petty Cash	1.00
Petty Cash	10.00
Petty Cash	10.00
Petty Cash	10.00
Petty Cash	11.00
L. A. S. for Clothing	48.00
Total	\$1,848.78

AIDS HAVING FURNISHED CLOTHING FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

[Clothing priced in italics]

Swannanoa, Clara Harris	\$26.00
Micro L. A. S., Beadie Warbritton	9.50
Stoney Creek L. A. S., Lexine Craft	3.00
Morehead City, L. A. S., Vergie Ange	12.00
Rains X Roads, L. A. S., Clyde Warbritton	3.80
Kenly L. A. S., James Powell	10.00
Total	\$16.30 \$48.00

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Mr. W. C. Marshburn, Food	1.75
Beamon and Company, Household	5.75
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Catharine West (Ruth Hinson) Clothing	1.00
Mr. Wade Rice, Clothing	2.00

Mrs. Dan Waller Clothing	2.00
Mr. Ben Casey, Gasoline	1.00
Antioch Church (Wayne County Chickens)	10.26
Stoney Creek Church, Food	9.05
Intermediate Bible Class, offering Hansley's Chapel Church (Clothing) \$1.75—H. H. .75 ..	2.50
Georgeie Frost Barnes, Clothing	10.50
Hansley's Chapel Church, Ice Cream	10.00
St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County, Food—Feed 11.90	15.90
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Repentance

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come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlesticks out of his place, except thou repent." "Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth" (Revelation 2: 5, 16). Please read chapters 1, 2, and 3, and see what Jesus had against the seven churches of Asia. The condition of those churches was lamentable. Do you think that the condition of the churches today are any better? I think this scripture is very appropriate in this age. "I tell you nay, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. We sorely need repentance toward God.

Death temporal has passed upon all men as the forerunner of eternal death, except we repent and be converted. The significance of repentance is apparent when we contemplate the vast concerns of the eternal state. Christ did upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not. "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes" (Matthew 11: 20, 21).

(To be continued)

He was their saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them. Isa. lxiii. 8, 9.

Come boldly to the throne of grace;
The Saviour's pierced heart
Is touched with our afflicted case
In its most tender part;
Come boldly to the throne of grace,
With all your wants and fears;
The Saviour's hand will kindly chase
Away the bitterest tears.

He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. Zech. ii. 8.

Tribute to Rev. Styron

By Mrs. C. T. Adams

Rev. Styron who has departed from us, was reared near my birth place. I never personally knew him, until two years ago, when he conducted a revival at Edgemont Church. I was happy to have him visit in our home. He was suffering at that time, tho he was quiet and patient. He reminded me of Paul in his ministry, because he endured affliction, did the work of an evangelist, and made full proof of his ministry. He suffered in his body, yet when he got up to preach, he did it so marvelously that one would never guess that he suffered so much.

Prayer was made to God to spare his life, yet God did not wish to grant the request because His servant had done so much to promote His cause that He wished to call his spirit into a better world where there is no sickness and sorrow into a land prepared for faithful servants. God heals those who have not finished the work which he has called them to do, so that the task may be finished. Why should God heal Rev. Styron when he had bravely and courageously finished his work? He did not idle away the moments of his life. His life counted for his heavenly Father. His was a life well pleasing in his Father's sight, and so He looked down and said, "It is done." He was a progressive Christian, and his influence will never die. His influence will live on and on to bless others. He preached the word, reproved, rebuked, and exhorted with all longsuffering, and doctrine.

He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give him at that day: and not to him only, but unto all them also, that love His appearing.

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Field Secretary of the State Association of North Carolina



Rev. M. E. Tyson
Pikeville, N. C.

There has been a growing demand among Free Will Baptists for a unified denominational program for the past few years. This demand has not arisen merely from among the leaders of the denomination, but from among the masses of the laity as well. The solidarity of this general denominational ideal was experienced in the 1940 session of the National Association as perhaps at no place or time within recent years. Happily something was done about it. A unified program was assigned to the genius and oversight of a General Board. The plan of work calls for the co-operation of all state and district organizations. But realizing, as all informed Free Will Baptists do, that the state and district organizations are older in length of services than the National Association, and that for many years they have promoted given programs of work, it became obviously essential to the successful prosecution of a

unified denominational program that all State Associations respectively elect their own State Field Secretary, whose duty shall be that of meditating and promoting the national program along with the state program of work.

In the recent session of N. C. State Association, Rev. M. E. Tyson of Pikeville, North Carolina, was elected to this important office. It seemed altogether fitting that he should have been chosen for this large field of service as a step in his own progressive career. After five years of successful service as superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, and after having been president of the State Association for two years, it is most logical that he receive this promotion also. Few men have been endowed with a combination of gifts which are so manifest in Bro. Tyson. He is a safe thinker, a good business man, a sympathetic pastor, and a flaming evangelist. We are delighted also to announce that by reason of Bro. Tyson's wide usefulness in the field of evangelism that, by a special act of the State Association in its recent session, he was acclaimed State Evangelist for North Carolina Free Will Baptists.

It is therefore with deep gratitude that we announce to the denomination at large, and especially to those of our connection residing in North Carolina, that the unifying and correlating of our Free Will Baptist work in North Carolina is in the hands of a safe leader. The heartiest co-operation of all organizations, churches, and pastors, is most earnestly desired. We are challenged as never before in our generation. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Respectfully submitted:
September 23, 1940,

Rev. J. C. Griffin, *Pres.*,
Rev. J. C. Moye, *V.-Pr.*,
N. C. State Association

He That Winneth Souls

How may I be wise and win souls for Christ?

First, I have to be born again of the water and of the Spirit, be renewed in Christ Jesus, put under the blood of Jesus, walk with Jesus in prayer, and in reading God's word. I have to love Jesus and my neighbor as was written in St. Mark 12: 30, 31, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, all thy strength." This is the first commandment and the second is like it; namely this, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." There is none other commandment greater than these. Within myself I am nothing, but if I let Jesus come into my heart and let His will be my will, then he will make me able to keep his commandments.

Second, After I have been regenerated or born anew, the Lord giveth me wisdom and from Him cometh knowledge and understanding. I become wise when Jesus comes in my life. Wise to what? Wise to the dangers of working lusts, of sin and of all that is of the Devil. I become wise to the blessed promises of Jesus. I will want to read the Bible, go to church, go to Sunday school, go to prayer meeting, visit the sick and talk to lost souls, and try to win them to Christ. I will speak for Jesus everytime I get a chance and speak against sin every time I get a chance. I will give the Lord his part of my earnings which according to God's word is ten percent of my income. I will support his cause in every way possible.

Third, If I keep his commandments and let Him have his way in my life, then the light of Jesus is shining through me and it will shine on somebody else and cause them to see the light and come to Jesus.

Dear readers, Jesus is calling for volunteers to work in his vineyard. Not you, if you have not already done so, come into his vineyard and work for him by faith. He is the

best pay master I know of, for he pays off with everlasting joy and happiness. But the Devil pays off with everlasting punishment in hell.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Yours in Christ,

Rashie Kennedy

Letter from Arlington, Ga.

To the Free Will Baptist Brother Hood as well as to whom this letter may concern:

By friendly request, I have only a few days since closed a fairly good series of revival meetings in East Georgia. Three meetings were in the country churches and one in the thriving little town of Metter, Georgia, in Bulloch County. These meetings were for the Ogeechee Association.

The things that ministers are especially accustomed to writing with most interest is the number of members received. This I will here not have so much to say, but let every man's work prove him. Then shall we have praise of the same. However some joined and were baptized in which we rejoice.

I have returned from Dukes, Florida, where I preached for Brother Joe Fort who is their amiable pastor, who has and is doing a commendable pastoral work there. Brother Fort is an aggressive young minister who possesses a strong ambition with a marked determination. He is making quite a noticeable success, both as teacher and preacher. I would that we had more young men of this type.

I filled his dates there Saturday and at night, also Sunday and Sunday night. Harmony Church is one of the largest and most elaborately arranged edifices of worship that I know of as a rural church in Georgia, Florida, or Alabama. It has as fine attendance as any church in our connection anywhere. I much enjoyed the above visit.

I want to see the Free Will Bap-

tist paper in every home as in the sweet by-gone days. Why not? The paper is superior in reading matter and has excellent thought as food of the kind that growing Christians need.

I was greatly pleased at seeing the picture on the wall over the sacred stand of the venerable Dr. E. L. St. Clair, under whose ministry Harmony Church was organized. It brought fond recollections to my mind of one who worked and prayed for the cause of Christ.

J. M. Emmanuel,
Arlington, Georgia

Program

Program for the Fourth Union at LaGrange Church Saturday before the 5th Sunday in September, 1940.

- 10:00—Devotional, by Rev. H. T. Sowers
- 10:30—Business session
- 11:30—Sermon, by Rev. L. B. Manning
- 12:15—Lunch
- 1:15—Talk on Home Missions, by Rev. M. E. Tyson
- 1:30—Business session
- 2:15—Talk on Orphanage by Rev. N. D. Beam
- 2:30—Talk on Sunday School, by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
- 2:45—Talk on Education by Rev. W. L. Hart
- 3:15—Adjournment and benediction
by Rev. E. L. Abrams
Bernice Pittmon,
M. D. Corbitt,
W. R. Owens,

Committee.

Opportunities

- 1. Master Mixer
 - 2. Canner (No. 10)
 - 3. Sheets (single beds)
 - 4. Pillow Cases
 - 5. Towels and Wash Cloths
 - 6. Chairs (stool)
 - 7. One mule.
 - 8. One Dump Cart
- Adoption of Boys and Girls (19)

James A. Evans, Supt.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street,

New Bern, N. C.

Attention Women's Auxiliaries

The month of October has been designated as the month of study on Stewardship. In your handbook provision has been made for a complete study for the entire month. First, you must secure your book "Stewardship Parables of Jesus" by Long, priced 50c, from the Press at Ayden. I suggest that you study it in the following manner; invite all the members of your local circle to a centrally located home for a day's study and discussion. Each member may bring her own lunch which will make it easier on the hostess. Use your dining room table for a round table study. The lessons may be taught by one or more leaders. A great deal can be accomplished thru study and prayer for the day. You may also invite auxiliaries from nearby churches to study with you and meet at some church if you wish to follow this plan or you may take the book up in separate chapters, one each month. I personally believe you will derive more benefit and enjoyment from the first mentioned plan.

If we are to be good stewards, we must be Missionary minded and further the cause of both Foreign and Home Missions. We must seek to know the needs of our old and needy ministers and aid them in their remaining days. Let's put aside a goodly sum for their cause this year. We must see the vision of an educational institution for our youth and ministry and contribute to its founding. Above all, we must learn to love the children at our Orphanages and see that their needs are supplied. They are *our* children and their responsibility is ours. Do what you do for them through love and consid-

er it a privilege that you have an opportunity to share a portion of that which God has blessed you with. They have been placed in our care and God is expecting us to be stewards over them. Your response to our benevolent causes and the general program of our church will determine largely this year whether or not you are worthy of this phrase "well done thou good and faithful servant."

Your Stewardship Director requests that you have one sermon preached from your pulpit during the month of October on Stewardship and Tithing. Make this request of your pastor at an early date that he may make preparation for this message.

You are also asked to give a short program in either Sunday School or Church by the youth of the church. Material for this program may be secured from "The Paramount Missionary Book" by Pearl Holloway for 25c and may be secured from the Press at Ayden, North Carolina.

"Bring your tithes and offerings into the storehouse," and see our denominational work go forward. Will you take up God's challenge in Stewardship and prove your worthiness of the many blessings He is manifesting toward us? Read Malachi 3: 10-12 and Matthew 23: 23.

Georgie Frost Barnes,
Natl Director of Stewardship

Keith Missionary Society Report

The Ladies Missionary society of Keith, Texas, Free Will Baptist church met Monday afternoon, September 16. The meeting was called to order by the members singing a

song and led in prayer by Mrs. Ellen Stedman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The dues paid in amounted to \$1.80. The birthday dues amounted to \$1.04. Mrs. Lizzie Trant taught the lesson which was "The Seven Graces." The scripture was taken from 2 Peter, chapter one. The lesson discussion was followed with a season of prayers.

Our benevolence report is as follows; made sick visits, 53; sent bouquets, 1; trays taken to the sick, 25; gallons of milk sent, 26; chapters read in the Bible 283.

After a song the meeting then closed in a word of prayer by Mrs. Willie Moon.

Mrs. Clyde Maxwell, *Secy.*

Report of Pine Level Aid Society

Our society met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Wheeler for the September meeting. After the devotions were conducted by the president, the business was entered into with the calling of the roll. Eleven members and three visitors were present. The dues and tithes were then called for by the secretary.

Old business was taken up and the committee on church painting was urged to buy paint enough to put on the second coat on the church.

In the way of new business, the delegate was appointed to represent us in the district convention. Mrs. Lexine Floyd was appointed delegate. It was also voted that we send letter and dues, and Mission and Educational money. It was also voted that we not use money in the treasury for this purpose, but to make a drive together with the commodities that had been promised.

It was moved and carried that we invite Miss Laura Belle Barnard to visit us upon her arrival home and that we show our appreciation for her by being prepared to give her an offering. It was moved and carried to order some new Year Books of Programs and to study the "New

Manual of Methods." We were dismissed in a word of prayer. Then delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Dolora Johnson, *Secy.*

Aid Report of Free Union Church, Beaufort County

Our society met with Mrs. James Webster on Saturday, September 7, for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was opened by the members singing hymn, "He Loves Me." The second chapter of Job was read by the president. Then the society was led in sentence prayer by Mrs. Radcliff, and it was closed by Mrs. James Webster.

The next in line of business was the calling of the roll with ten members present. We collected in regular dues \$2.80. Our society has read since our last meeting 92 chapters in the Bible. The members made 25 sick visits to the infirm. Four trays, two quarts of milk, four flower designs taken to the sick.

After all the business was transacted, we closed with the benediction offered by Mrs. Wm. Webster.

Mrs. B. M. Radcliff, *Secy.*

Cabin Aid Report

Our society met in its regular monthly meeting on September 7 at the church. Four different societies represented in our meeting. This was very pleasing to us.

Mrs. Foy Kennedy had charge of the lesson, and assisted by different members of the Aid. After the lesson was discussed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and dues paid in to the treasurer.

Rev. G. W. Kennedy made a very interesting talk, after which the instalment of the new officers took place. Mrs. Walter Rhodes, our last year's president, officiated. After all new officers were elected, the new president announced that we would have lunch on the church lawn. The

nourishments were greatly refreshing to all.

The Aid finds that it has accomplished much during the year 1939-1940. We wish to express our thanks and appreciations to those who have shown an interest in our church work. Looking back over this year, we find that the members of the Aid have read 1,057 chapters in the Bible; have made 221 sick visits, 11 hospital calls, gave 10 lbs. of butter, sent 13 bunches of flowers to the sick, have given away 77 trays to the needy, and have given 88 gallons of milk to the poor and needy.

We desire all who read this report to pray for us and our Aid that it will grow. We are hoping that it will prosper more in the future than it has in the past.

Mary Ellis Thomas, *Rec.-Sec.*

Aid Report of Gum Neck Church

The Ladies Aid Society of Gum Neck Church in Tyrrell County held its regular meeting at the church on Tuesday, September 10. The vice-president called the meeting to order, and the members sang the opening hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." The second chapter of Isaiah was read. Then special prayer was offered for Mrs. Ruth Everton, who is ill at Duke Hospital, and also for Mrs. Mae Cahoon at the Columbia hospital.

The roll was then called with eighteen members present and one visitor. The Aid members have carried on the following activities during the past month: sent \$12.50 to the adopted orphan; collected for society dues and for Sunday eggs, \$6.50 took 10 trays to the sick in the community; they made 40 sick visits. In the business session, the members voted to buy brick for underpinning our church. We hope to get under way this work very soon.

There being no further business of importance to transact, the meeting closed until the next regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Lillie Liverman

dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer.

Mrs. C. F. Swindell,
Cor.-Secy.

Program

Program of the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention which will convene with Union Chapel Church in Washington County, Oct. 3, 1940.

- 10:00—Devotionals, Mrs. C. W. Bowen
- Address of Welcome, Mrs. David Bowen
- Response, Mrs. Kate Roper
- 10:30—Calling list of societies
- Business
- 11:00—Special music, by local Aid
- Congregational Hymn, led by Rev. E. C. Morris
- Sermon, Rev. James Evans
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotionals, Mrs. H. S. Swain
- Report of Committee
- Special music by Elizabeth City Aid
- 1:30—"The Nail-Scarred Hand", Mrs. John Copeland
- 2:00—Closing hymn
- Benediction
- Mrs. D. H. Furlough,
- Mrs. W. H. Harrison,
- PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Program

Program of the Pee Dee district Auxiliary convention to be held at Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, October 15, 1940.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Devotions—Mrs. Harry Phipps
- 10:15—Welcome Address—Mrs. Grace Hester
- 10:20—Response—Mrs. V. D. Brown

- 10:25—Special music
 10:30—President's remarks
 10:40—Business period, Special music
 11:30—Sermon—Rev. W. L. Jernigan
 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions—Mrs. Jesse Norris
 1:15—Report of directors
 1:45—Address—"Woman's Place in the Kingdom Work"—Mrs. Mae Hinson
 2:00—Committees' reports
 2:10—Election of officers
 —Song and Benediction
 Mrs. H. C. Adcox, *Pres.*,
 Mrs. D. J. Pait, *Secy.*

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
 M. B. Hutchinson,
 Zaleski, Ohio

Luke and His Gospel

(Lesson for October 6)

Lesson: Luke 1; Acts 1: 1-5; 16: 9-15; Colossians 4: 14; 2 Timothy 4: 11a.

Golden Text Illuminated: "*It seemed good to me also, . . . to write . . . that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed*" (Luke 1: 3, 4).

Luke did a very fine piece of writing in this Gospel. He gave us the first Christian hymns: The Ave Maria (1: 28), the Magnificat (vss. 46-55), the Benedictus (vss. 68-80), the Gloria in Excelsis (2: 14), the Nunc Dimittis (vss. 29-32). He is the only Gospel writer who gives all the seven great events in the life of Christ: His birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, death, resurrection and ascension. He alone gives the record of John the Baptist's birth, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the shepherds of Bethlehem,

and His visit to the Temple at the age of twelve. Among the incidents which only Luke gives are the account of Martha and Mary (10: 38-42), the conversion of Zacchaeus (19: 1-10), and the walk to Emmaus (24: 13-35). But it is in the parables where Luke has done the very finest work; notice the list of these which are found only in this Gospel—the two debtors, the good Samaritan, the friend at midnight, the rich fool, the barren fig tree, the builder of the tower, the king going to war, the lost coin, the lost son, the unjust steward, the rich man and Lazarus, the unprofitable servant, the importunate widow, the Pharisee and the publican.

Perhaps we can judge somewhat concerning Luke as a man of prayer, when we read that the Lord Jesus prayed after the baptism, after the cleansing of the leper, before the call of the Twelve, before the Transfiguration, and at least twice on the Cross.—*H. M. H.*

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The Gospel of Luke is the one which brings our Lord Jesus Christ very close to us, for it reveals more of his humanity than the others, tho not at the expense of His Deity. He gives more details about the birth of Christ than any other writer, but he is careful to make it clear that He was born of a virgin (Luke 1: 30-35). He is even careful to guard the Kingship of our Lord, for he says that "the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David for ever" (vss. 32, 33). In our present lesson we are specially concerned with the author of the Gospel. We see him as—

1. *A Writer.* (Luke 1: 1-4; Acts 1: 1). Two Books of the New Testament—the Gospel according to Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles—were written by him.

He wrote "those things which are most surely believed among us" (Luke 1: 1). Of course he has in mind his own Gospel record, but what he says applies equally well to

the entire Bible. It contains those things that Christians everywhere believe. He who doubts them should not call himself a Christian.

2. *A Physician* (Col. 4: 14). Luke is called by name only three times in the New Testament (vs. 14; 2 Tim. 4: 11; Phile. 1: 24). He is called "the beloved physician." This does not mean, however, that he came from a higher social rank; for slaves were sometimes trained in the art of medicine.

That he was a physician is supported by the internal evidence of his own writings. Such an eminent modern medical authority as Dr. Howard A. Kelly has examined Luke's writings carefully with the eye of a physician. He finds that Luke writes just as a doctor would write. He uses the medical terms for various diseases instead of the names used by the common people.

3. *A Companion* (2 Tim. 4: 11a). He seems to have joined Paul and his missionary party in Troas at about the time when the Apostle had the vision that called him to Macedonia (Acts 16: 9, 10), for until this time he uses the pronoun "they," and now suddenly begins to say "we," as though he belonged to the group. It would be interesting but serve no definite purpose to trace his footsteps from here on. He was not always with Paul, but accompanied him from time to time.

The last mention of Luke is made by Paul toward the end of the last of his Letters, the Second Epistle to Timothy. The Apostle was now a prisoner in the city of Rome. If there were two imprisonments, this was near the end of the second, and he was sure he would not be released this time. This was his fare-well message. He knew that the time for his departure was at hand.

So far as men were concerned he had been left very nearly alone. His heart was saddened by the defection of Demas, who had once been counted as a faithful servant of the Lord. The love of the present world had

lured him away from the path of service and suffering for the Lord (2 Tim. 4: 10). He had even left the city of Rome to go to Thessalonica, perhaps that Paul might not know of all that he did. Two other men had also departed from Rome, namely, Crescens and Titus; but not in the same way as Demas. They were about the Lord's work. However it made the Apostle feel lonely. But there was one who was loyal to him even under these circumstances, and that was Luke. He was not afraid of suffering and persecution, but he stood by the Lord's servant to the very end. That was why the Lord could use him as He did. With all of Luke's ability we might never have heard of him had it not been for this.—J. C. T.

II. Home Work

Let's read the entire Book of Luke one or more times during this quarter. Every person in all our Bible Schools should do this. This Gospel by Luke has been called the most beautiful book in the world.

Then be sure to read all the lesson material in our quarterlies. It is gratifying to the editors to know that they are helping others, and we will be helped if we study these lessons carefully and prayerfully. Then let us pray for each other also.

Rock of Zion Home-coming Celebration

There will be a home-coming day celebration at Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, on the first Sunday in October.

All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend this occasion. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

Erma Carmady

A Good Revival

Dear Editor:

On September 8 Rev. and Mrs. Chester Pelt began a revival at Rose

of Sharon church. They were with us one week. The messages of Brother and Sister Pelt were enjoyed very much, both the preaching and the music. It was one of the best revivals in many years in our church. There were 14 added to the church, one by letter, 13 by confession. We are very thankful the Lord sent Brother and Sister Pelt to our church.

Our Boosters Young People and old people too want Brother and Sister Pelt to come again.

Our pastor Rev. E. L. Abrams was with us Thursday night and planned to be with us during the close of the meeting, but was sick and could not be with us.

Remember us when you pray.

M. S. Cowan

Two Practical New Books

Girlhood Today

By HELEN WELSHIMER

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Fifty-five short messages to girls on how to live graciously in a modern world, by Helen Welshimer. One of America's foremost pen women, Miss Welshimer has had her poems and messages to women featured in over eight hundred daily newspapers. Her poems and stories appear in *Good Housekeeping*, *Christian Herald*, *The Lookout*, *Saturday Evening Post*, etc.

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How to Win Boys

By ROSCOE GILMORE STOTT

Boy lovers in home, school and church will welcome this new book



This volume is a fresh, gripping, unusually practical, twenty-four chapter consideration of the "boy problem." The author knows boys—older boys, young boys, city boys, country boys, thoughtful boys and active boys. He tells how to meet them, understand them, talk to them, teach them, play with them, win them to Christ and the church. Athletics, novelty, class activity and organization, teaching methods, leadership, good citizenship, etc., all have their chapters; each one reading like a brilliant conversation. Dr. Stott creates the desire to win boys in those who may not have considered this field of service. Workers with boys who seek to be more effective will find ways and means in abundance in this new book.

The author has achieved fame as a professor in a great state university, a writer for such magazines as *Boy Life* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and as a lecturer. Yet during these busy years his interest in boys has been his chief hobby. He has taught large Sunday-school classes, worked with Scouts and 4-H Club boys, and his own son was recently awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

A splendid book by a competent author.

Price, \$1.00

Boys and Girls Corner

Will You Help Send the Invitations?

Little White Feather sits at the door of the tepee in which he lives. When he is well, he runs about and plays much like the little wild animals in the forest; when he is sick, the medicine man comes and beats a drum and does strange things that do not cure him.

Poor little White Feather can not read or write; he never has heard of Jesus. What a happy day it will be when some missionary goes to the tepee and tells him of the mission school and the church and invites him to go!

Down in Mexico wee Pedro lives in a tiny house with father and mother, brothers and sisters, the pigs and the chickens and the dog. Perhaps he would grow up to be a great blessing and honor to his country if he only could go to the mission school and learn the things that they would teach him there, for he has a bright mind. But unless some one tells him about Jesus, he will be only a poor, ignorant man who knows nothing better.

Up in Alaska little Jan lives in his snow-house, and creeps away in terror as he hears his father talk of the terrible trouble that the evil spirits bring. If only he could learn to read the Bible, he would know that our heavenly Father loves him and will take care of him. But he can not know unless a missionary goes to tell him.

Next door to Marian is a little girl who does not go to Bible school, and in the day school with Robert are two boys who play out on the street all day Sunday. There is room in the Bible school for every boy and every girl, and our Father wants them to be there. Our lips and our missionary gifts will carry invitations.—*The Sunbeam.*

Romans 10: 15: "How shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

DuBOSE—On September 23, 1939, one year ago, it was God's will to call from this life our great-uncle, J. Thomas DuBose. He had been in declining health for the past few years, but seemed to be getting along fine at the time of his death. He was stricken speechless and died a few hours later. Death came as a shock to the entire family. He died at the age of 62.

After joining the F. W. B. church near Turberville in his early days, he had been an active and devoted member.

He is survived by his third wife, Mrs. Retha DuBose, two children by his first wife, and several grand children, all of Turberville.

The funeral was held at Horse Branch Church, and conducted by his pastor Rev. G. C. Vause. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Written by his great-nieces,
Reva Mae and Julia Moore,
Turberville, South Carolina

ROUGHTON—On August 14, 1940, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from the home of Brother and Sister Lonnie Roughton one of their most precious jewels, Lory Edward. He was born September 3, 1937, making his stay on earth two years, ten and one half months.

Though all was done for him that human hands could do, yet our hands are too weak to stay the great strong arm of Jesus who never makes a mistake, but He doeth all things well. To the family and relatives we would say, may heaven seem nearer each passing day with Jesus to guide you along life's way, until you shall meet your darling at Jesus' feet. In that City bright and fair all will be joy and happiness complete. No farewell tears will be there to dim the eye, and no one to wonder and question why.

Jesus took the little one with Him on high.

Written by Della Swain

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of our darling son Carl who departed this life, but whose memory still lingers in mother's heart.

Deep in our hearts lies a picture
Of a loved one laid to rest;
In fond memory we shall keep it
Because he was one of the best.

Upright and beautiful in all his ways,
Wonderful character to the end of his days;
A loving son, true and kind,
What a beautiful memory he left behind!
Gone but not forgotten,
By Mrs. Nete Stox, Mother

*It cost him death to save our lives,
To buy our souls it cost his own;
And all the unknown joys he gives
Were bought with agonies unknown.*

Snappy Sermon Starters

Compiled by
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I have greatly appreciated the letters, postals and cards I have received from every one who has written. They have been messages of cheer and have helped me to pass the long hard hours of my intense suffering. I have wanted to answer each communication, but I have found that impossible. Most of the time I could not write, and, too, there were so many that it would have been a task to have answered them all.

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The pilgrim passed on his weary way,
And planted a seed at the close of day;
Planted a seed by a garden wall,
As the sun went down—and that was all.

Many came where the flower grew,
And enjoyed its fragrance; but no one knew—
No one knew who planted the seed;
No one witnessed the seed.

One came that way in bitter grief,
Lingered awhile and found relief;
Found sweet relief in flowing tears,
And forgot the burden of the years.

Another came, all steeped in crime,
Paused and pondered for a little time,
And then he left, no more a knave,
But to plant a flower on his mother's grave.

A maiden came with blushes red,
Tempted the path of sin to tread;
But the flower nodded and seemed to say:
"You'd better be true the uphill way."

Thus the pilgrim slept in his unknown grave,
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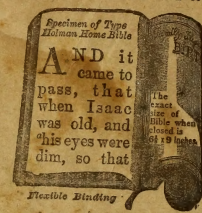
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